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Grand Lodge

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Thirteenth Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Hall, in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, May 29th, A.D. 1918, A.L. 5918, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

GRAND OFFICERS:

M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Calgary	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. H. Darling (91), Edmonton	Senior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Pincher Creek	Jr. Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher (70), Redcliff	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins (81), Edmonton	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. F. Watson (15), Wetaskiwin	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. W. C. Reid (79), Loughheed	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. W. R. Cochrane (40), Granum	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. G. Frank Butler (53), Strathmore	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. J. G. Odell (78), Hanna	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. C. A. Dallas (71), Athabasca	D.D.G.M.
R.W. Bro. Wm. Jellis (68), Edson	D.D.G.M.
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. G. W. Kerby (83), Calgary	Grand Chaplain
R.W. Bro. John Douglas (37), Camrose	Junior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. W. J. Haynes (75), Sedgewick	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs (88), Grouard	Grand Pursuivant
W. Bro. P. Fielding (38), Mannville	Grand Tyler

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7), Edmonton	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Geo. H. Hogbin (1), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary	Past Grand Master
M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14) Edmonton	Past Grand Master

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

Canada	M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor	Calgary
Cuba	R.W. Bro. D. McIntosh	Edmonton
Georgia	R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge	Camrose
Idaho	R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey	Calgary
Manitoba	M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin	Calgary

Michigan	M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor	Edmonton
North Dakota	R.W. Bro. J. S. Reid	Vegreville
Philippine Islands	R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood	Calgary
Texas	R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry	Leduc
Saskatchewan	R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue	Calgary
Utah	M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop	Edmonton
Virginia	R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin	Calgary
Wisconsin	M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher	Calgary

PAST MASTERS

M.W. Bro. Geo. H. Hogbin	No. 1
W. Bro. W. E. Mercer	" 1
R.W. Bro. Jas. N. Rankin	" 1
R.W. Bro. Thomas Rankine	" 1
W. Bro. Angus MacRae	" 1
R.W. Bro. Jesse Elliott	" 2
R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray	" 2
R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis	" 6
W. Bro. T. P. Neuman	" 6
W. Bro. C. E. McDonald	" 7
W. Bro. Lorne Muir	" 7
M.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor	" 7
W. Bro. W. R. Wilson	" 7
W. Bro. C. E. McManus	" 7
W. Bro. D. Morkenberg	" 8
W. Bro. R. M. Moore	" 8
W. Bro. W. C. A. Watt	" 8
M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher	" 9
R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz	" 12
W. Bro. R. V. Bellamy	" 14
M.W. Bro. Edward T. Bishop	" 14
W. Bro. William Rae	" 14
W. Bro. H. P. Reid	" 14
W. Bro. Geo. McManus	" 15
R.W. Bro. F. B. Watson	" 15
R.W. Bro. John A. Kerr	" 18
W. Bro. Andrew Reid	" 18
W. Bro. V. C. W. Stanley	" 19
R.W. Bro. Wm. Dickson	" 20
W. Bro. A. V. Bilton	" 23
W. Bro. Edwin G. Ironside	" 23
R.W. Bro. Wm. J. Seed	" 24
W. Bro. H. T. Taylor	" 24
W. Bro. Norman Tucker	" 24
R.W. Bro. J. S. Reid	" 25
V.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank	" 26
R.W. Bro. Geo. Pattinson	" 26
W. Bro. Allan Ross	" 26
R.W. Bro. Frederick S. Selwood	" 28
W. Bro. Alex. W. Strathern	" 28
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor	" 28
R.W. Bro. H. O. Haslam	" 32
R.W. Bro. W. Geo. Lowry	" 34
R.W. Bro. E. A. Bell	" 35

R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart	No. 35
R.W. Bro. John Douglas	" 37
W. Bro. John T. Johnston	" 37
R.W. Bro. Jas. W. Younge	" 37
W. Bro. Percy Fielding	" 38
W. Bro. Arthur Hayr	" 39
R.W. Bro. Wm. R. Cochrane	" 40
W. Bro. D. J. Diarmid	" 40
W. Bro. Samuel Spicer	" 41
W. Bro. F. E. Nichol	" 43
W. Bro. Wm. J. Carroll	" 45
W. Bro. F. R. Mitchell	" 45
R.W. Bro. T. P. Newbigging	" 46
W. Bro. H. D. McMillan	" 47
R.W. Bro. Jas. McNaughton	" 49
W. Bro. F. J. Folinsbee	" 51
W. Bro. J. H. Hillier	" 51
R.W. Bro. D. McIntosh	" 51
W. Bro. A. M. Richards	" 51
R.W. Bro. G. F. Butler	" 53
R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin	" 59
W. Bro. Lewis McCook	" 60
W. Bro. F. P. O'Connor	" 61
R.W. Bro. John Wilson	" 61
W. Bro. Henry Fidler	" 63
W. Bro. Ernest Fidler	" 63
W. Bro. C. J. Lakey	" 63
W. Bro. H. H. Rendall	" 63
R.W. Bro. T. H. Wilson	" 63
R.W. Bro. A. Williamson	" 67
R.W. Bro. Wm. Jellis	" 68
V.W. Bro. J. D. Mackenzie	" 68
R.W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher	" 70
R.W. Bro. C. A. Dallas	" 71
R.W. Bro. D. H. Galbraith	" 74
W. Bro. W. J. Cumberland	" 75
V.W. Bro. Wm. J. Haynes	" 75
R.W. Bro. Alex. M. McKee	" 75
R.W. Bro. John G. Odell	" 78
R.W. Bro. William Reid	" 79
R.W. Bro. Jas. B. Hawkins	" 81
W. Bro. Wm. C. Sterling	" 81
R.W. Bro. Geo. Campbell	" 82
W. Bro. Oliver J. Cowan	" 82
W. Bro. Geo. J. Tovey	" 82
R.W. Bro. Jos. H. Argue	" 83
R.W. Bro. Everett S. Clow	" 83
R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey	" 83
V.W. Bro. John E. Johnson	" 83
R.W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby	" 83
V.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs	" 88
R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris	" 88
W. Bro. M. E. Grimshaw	" 89
W. Bro. Donald A. Munro	" 89
V.W. Bro. Robt. Moss	" 90

W. Bro. W. D. Chapelle	No. 91
M.W. Bro. H. Darling	" 91
R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm	" 91
W. Bro. W. A. Mahaffy	" 91
W. Bro. D. N. MacLeod	" 91
W. Bro. Geo. H. McAvoy	" 91
W. Bro. J. Duncan McEdwards	" 91
W. Bro. M. Nicholson	" 91
W. Bro. C. W. Rickerd	" 91
W. Bro. S. M. Snedden	" 91
W. Bro. J. R. Scott	" 91
W. Bro. J. L. Tipp	" 91
V.W. Bro. M. C. Wright	" 91
W. Bro. W. N. Condell	" 91
W. Bro. R. A. Bennett	" 94

AND THE FOLLOWING MASTERS AND WARDENS

W. Bro. P. A. Sargent	W.M. No. 1
W. Bro. E. S. Hodges	W.M. " 2
W. Bro. H. M. Whiddington	W.M. " 4
Bro. F. Barnhouse	J.W. " 7
W. Bro. J. R. Moore	W.M. " 8
Bro. J. A. Hargreaves	J.W. " 9
W. Bro. A. H. Church	W.M. " 11
Bro. G. W. White	J.W. " 11
W. Bro. C. H. Stone	W.M. " 12
Bro. G. S. Armstrong	S.W. " 14
Bro. William Dickson	S.W. " 15
W. Bro. Adam Armey	W.M. " 17
Bro. Walter Frantzen	S.W. " 17
Bro. Wm. A. Smith	J.W. " 18
W. Bro. E. F. Thomson	W.M. " 19
W. Bro. A. S. Gough	W.M. " 20
W. Bro. J. H. R. Thorne	W.M. " 22
W. Bro. Edwin M. McCammon	W.M. " 23
W. Bro. Frank Brissett	W.M. " 24
Bro. H. P. Long	S.W. " 24
Bro. Geo. W. Payne	J.W. " 24
W. Bro. A. W. Fraser	W.M. " 25
Bro. R. W. Reid	S.W. " 25
W. Bro. Henry Stobbs	W.M. " 26
W. Bro. D. H. Lusted	W.M. " 27
W. Bro. E. P. Withrow	W.M. " 28
W. Bro. Alex. Campbell	W.M. " 31
W. Bro. H. H. Clark	S.W. " 42
Bro. D. W. Jacobs	J.W. " 46
W. Bro. A. R. Thomas	W.M. " 48
W. Bro. O. S. Martin	W.M. " 50
W. Bro. R. G. Thomson	W.M. " 51
W. Bro. T. E. Wright	W.M. " 53
W. Bro. Geo. E. Keane	W.M. " 54
W. Bro. W. C. Young	W.M. " 59
W. Bro. Jos. G. LaFrance	W.M. " 60
W. Bro. Jos. Milner	W.M. " 63

Bro. Colin Allan	S.W.	No. 63
Bro. Robt. English	J.W.	" 63
W. Bro. A. C. Lakie	W.M.	" 67
Bro. Robert E. Dupen	J.W.	" 67
Bro. H. G. Thunell	S.W.	" 69
W. Bro. F. R. Falconer	W.M.	" 71
W. Bro. A. I. Millar	W.M.	" 75
W. Bro. Wm. K. Shields	W.M.	" 77
W. Bro. Alfred Bunnin	W.M.	" 79
W. Bro. Roy W. Henry	W.M.	" 81
Bro. Jas. A. Duncan	J.W.	" 81
W. Bro. George McHarg	W.M.	" 82
W. Bro. John H. McNeill	W.M.	" 83
W. Bro. Geo. W. Edwards	W.M.	" 84
Bro. George Orr	S.W.	" 84
W. Bro. Wm. A. Cook	W.M.	" 85
W. Bro. M. Chidlow	W.M.	" 87
Bro. Peter Tomkins	S.W.	" 88
W. Bro. A. E. Carlisle	W.M.	" 89
W. Bro. Wm. Thompson	W.M.	" 90
Bro. F. S. McPherson	S.W.	" 90
Bro. J. Ganner	J.W.	" 90
Bro. N. B. Moors	S.W.	" 91
Bro. Jas. G. S. MacIntyre	S.W.	" 92
Bro. A. R. Laidlaw	S.W.	" 94
Bro. E. D. J. Crump	J.W.	" 94
W. Bro. S. J. Byers	W.M.	" U.D.
Bro. H. J. Armitage	J.W.	" U.D.
Bro. Jas. A. Code	S.W.	" U.D.
W. Bro. D. H. Campbell	W.M.	" U.D.
Bro. J. P. McBeath	S.W.	" U.D.
Bro. Geo. E. Kennedy	J.W.	" U.D.
W. Bro. C. L. Wilson	W.M.	" U.D.
Bro. David G. Shannon	S.W.	" U.D.
Bro. Harry M. Ball	J.W.	" U.D.
W. Bro. A. P. Veale	W.M.	" U.D.
W. Bro. Charles E. Long	W.M.	" U.D.
W. Bro. John G. Robertson	W.M.	" U.D.
W. Bro. O. F. Kirkpatrick	W.M.	" U.D.
W. Bro. Jas. B. Oliver	W.M.	" U.D.
W. Bro. W. S. Percy	W.M.	" U.D.

OPENING

A consitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, and with prayer.

The M.W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Mayor of the City of Edmonton being reported in waiting, was introduced and in a brief address welcomed the members of Grand Lodge to the Capital City and extended its freedom during their so-journ there.

The M.W. the Grand Master responded to the Address of Welcome in a few well chosen words.

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. Geo. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), "That the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the Twelfth Annual Communication held in the City of Banff, on May 30th and 31st, 1917, and as appear in the printed proceedings be taken as read and confirmed."

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The M.W. the Grand Master then read his address as follows:
To the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A.M.:

We are once more assembled in Annual Communication to review the work of the Fraternity during the past year, and to take counsel together upon such matters as may be brought before us for the future progress and prosperity of the Craft in our Jurisdiction.

It is with fraternal greetings and every good wish that I welcome you. Some of you have been present at every Communication since the formation of Grand Lodge, and have been untiring in your efforts to advance the interest of Freemasonry. It is indeed a great pleasure for me to welcome you here again to-day. Long may you be spared to assist us with your mature judgment and wise counsel.

New representatives are also with us to-day, and to you I extend congratulations upon your admission to a participation in the affairs of Grand Lodge. I trust that you may take a profound interest in our deliberations and be filled with an earnest desire to maintain and exemplify the sacred principles and sublime teachings of our Order.

With all reverence and humility, therefore, let us unitedly express our gratitude to Almighty God, for the measure of Light that guided us on our way during the past year, and also let us invoke His aid in this our present Communication, that we may have wisdom in all our deliberations and prudence in the discharge of the many duties that are about to engage us.

To-day our opportunity is unprecedented. Never before in the history of mankind have there been such national unrest and upheaval, personal calamities, loss, distress and sorrow, physical and spiritual suffering, as have been during these years of world-wide conflict, in which and by which, a gross materialism has been seeking to destroy the world's spiritual ideals.

Let us, therefore, grasp this opportunity and exemplify our principles in a practical way. The ground is well ploughed, yes, even harrowed, and it is for us as Craftsmen, to go out and sow the seeds of brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, that there may be less of physical pain and spiritual suffering along the way where we have passed. I sincerely hope that during this Communication some practical measures may be presented and adopted to further the accomplishment of this purpose, by us as a body working together, with a common end in view.

OUR PROGRESS

It gives me pleasure to report that peace and harmony prevail in our Lodges, and as will be seen from the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, substantial gains have been made in membership and funds.

FRATERNAL DEAD

During the past year many of our Brethren have been summoned to appear before the Supreme Grand Master in the Inner Chamber of Eternity. Our records show that eight-nine (89) of our Brethren have passed within the veil, and of this number forty-five (45) surrendered their lives in defence of our Empire and the great ideals for which we stand. We rejoice that in this heroic and unselfish manner the teachings of Freemasonry—that the big shall shelter the little, the strong protect the weak, and that a pledge made shall be kept at whatever sacrifice—have been exemplified by the death of our Brethren. Such sacrifice is the greatest test of Love—may they rest in peace and enter into the fuller joys of the Master whom we know is working out of the turmoil and trouble of this world, a new and better experience for us all.

Our loving sympathy goes out to the mothers, widows and orphans of our departed Brethren in this sorrow and loss, and in a special manner and remembrance to those whose dear ones have made the supreme sacrifice for the sake of the world's peace and harmony.

I have received official notice of the death of the following distinguished Brethren of other Jurisdictions:

Colorado	Kennedy, Geo. D., D.G.M.	Jan. 26, '18
Colorado	Peabody, Jas. Hamilton, P.G.M.	Nov. 23, '17
Florida	Pasco, Samuel, P.G.M.	Mar. 13, '17
Florida	Carnell, Jas., P.G.M.	June 17, '17
Kansas	Buck, J. Jay, P.G.M.	Sept. 3, '17
Kansas	Brown, Bestor Gaston, P.G.M.	July 10, '17
Kansas	Chandler, Chas. Henry, P.G.M.	Dec. 18, '17
Kentucky	French, Howard Royal, P.G.M.	Sept. 11, '17
Maine	Farnum, Augustus Bowman, P.G.M.	Jan. 14, '18
Manitoba	Baker, Geo. Wellington, P.G.M.	Sept. 1, '17
Nebraska	Hill, Wm. E., P.G.M.	Dec. 9, '17
Nebraska	Young, Frank Henry Orcutt, P.G.M.	Dec. 24, '17
Nevada	McMillan, Wm., P.G.M.	July 21, '17
New York	Ehlers, Edward M.L., G. Secy	May 28, '17
Nova Scotia	Archibald Luther B., P.G.M.	Feb. 10, '18
Nova Scotia	Black, Wm. Marshall, P.G.M.	May 9, '17
Oklahoma	Bennett, Leo Edmond, P.G.M.	May 28, '17
Pennsylvania	Guthrie, Geo. W., P.G.M. & Gr. Sec.	Mar. 8, '17
Quebec	White, Will. H., G. Secretary	Mar. 8, '17
South Dakota	Brown, Sam. Augustine, P.G.M.	Feb. 5, '17
Victoria	Carty-Salmon, Hon. E., P.G.M.	Sept. 15, '17
Virginia	Field, Henry Knox, G.M.	Feb. 15, '17
West Virginia	Hamilton, Jno. M., P.G.M.	Dec. 27, '16
West Virginia	Stokes, Wyndham, P.G.M.	Mar. 12, '17

To our Sister Grand Lodges, we extend our deepest sympathy in the loss they have sustained in the death of these distinguished Brethren.

VISITATIONS

June 8, 1917—I visited King George Lodge, No. 59, Calgary, where I installed R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe as Grand Treasurer, and V.W. Bro. A. J. Davis as Senior Grand Deacon.

July 11—I constituted Symbol Lodge, No. 93, Drumheller.

July 21—I visited Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92, Edmonton. Owing to lack of harmony among the Brethren of this Lodge, I was obliged to suspend their Charter.

Aug. 8—Accompanied by M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, R.W. Bro. G. F. Butler, D.D.G.M., and R.W. Bro. G. W. Kerby, Grand Chaplain, I visited Bassano Lodge, No. 55.

Oct. 5—I visited Calgary Lodge, No. 23, Calgary.

Oct. 11—Accompanied by some twenty Brethren from Medicine Hat, I visited Suffield Lodge, No. 85, and dedicated their new Lodge Room.

Oct. 22—Accompanied by M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald and V.W. Bro. A. J. Davis, I visited Corinthian Lodge, No. 22, Okotoks.

Oct. 31—I visited Apollo Lodge, No. 27, Stettler.

Nov. 1—I visited Beaver Lodge, No. 56, Castor.

Nov. 2—I visited Coronation Lodge, No. 72, Coronation. On my visits to Stettler, Castor and Coronation, I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. J. G. Odell, D.D.G.M., of District No. 9.

Nov. 29—I visited Langdon Lodge, No. 52, accompanied by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary and R.W. Bro. G. F. Butler, D.D. G.M., of District No. 7.

Dec. 21—I attended a meeting of the Brethren of Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92, Edmonton.

March 21—I again attended a meeting of the Brethren of Saskatchewan Lodge and restored their charter.

May 23—I visited the Lodges in the City of Lethbridge in joint Communication, accompanied by M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald. I also visited a number of the Lodges informally, in the interests of the Masonic Patriotic Fund.

On all my visits I was received in the most cordial manner and with that respect due the office of Grand Master. I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Brethren for their kindness on these occasions.

The condition of the Lodges visited is reported in detail by the various District Deputy Grand Masters.

CHARTERS

Charters having been granted to the following Lodges at our last Annual Communication, these Lodges were constituted and their officers installed as follows:

On June 4th, at my request, R.W. Bro. Thos. H. Wilson, P.D.D. G.M., District No. 10, constituted Lamont Lodge, No. 94, and installed the officers. He was assisted by W. Bro. R. Ross, W.M. of

Norwood Lodge, Edmonton, and W. Bro. H. Stiles, P.M. of Commercial Lodge, No. 81, Edmonton. R.W. Bro. Wilson reports this Lodge to be in good position in every respect, and the future bright.

Symbol Lodge, No. 93, was constituted July 11, 1917 by myself. The ceremony took place at 2 p.m. with a very good attendance. The Brethren are enthusiastic; they have a good Lodge room, are in good financial position and I look for good results from them.

Kitchener Lodge at Rimby in the Fourth Masonic District was continued under Dispensation.

NEW LODGES

After careful and thorough investigation, I issued Dispensation for the formation of the following New Lodges:

June 16—Albion Lodge at Chauvin, instituted June 30th, 1917, by R.W. Bro. David McIntosh, P.D.D.G.M.

June 16—Dynamic Lodge at Holden, instituted July 2nd, 1917, by R.W. Bro. David McIntosh, P.D.D.G.M.

July 9—Hand Hill Lodge at Delia, instituted August 22nd, 1917, by R.W. Bro. J. G. Odell, D.D.G.M.

Aug. 1—Mount Moriah Lodge at Sibbald, instituted Sept. 4, 1917, by R.W. Bro. J. G. Odell, D.D.G.M.

Sept. 8—Warner Lodge at Warner, instituted Sept. 27, 1917, by R.W. Bro. A. Williamson, D.D.G.M.

Sept. 28—West Edmonton Lodge at Edmonton (West), instituted Oct. 3, 1917, by R.W. Bro. David McIntosh, P.D.D.G.M.

Oct. 18—Foremost Lodge at Foremost, instituted Nov. 9, 1917, by R.W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher, D.D.G.M.

Jan. 6, 1918—Oyen Lodge at Oyen, instituted February 5, 1918, by R.W. Bro. J. G. Odell, D.D.G.M.

Jan. 19—Grand Prairie Lodge at Grand Prairie, instituted January 30th, 1918, by V.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs, Grand Pursuivant.

Jan. 19—Lake Saskatoon Lodge at Lake Saskatoon, instituted Feb. 1, 1918, by V.W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs, Grand Pursuivant.

Full details of these Lodges are given in the report of the Grand Secretary.

A Dispensation for a Lodge at Nemiscam, in the second Masonic District was refused for the present, after careful investigation.

DISPENSATIONS

I issued the following Dispensations:

To wear regalia at Divine Service	17
To elect and install out of time	8
To hold special installations	26
To hold special elections	12
To confer degrees out of time	20

To change night of regular meeting	2
To initiate without full residence qualifications...	3
To act on application of candidate with physical defect	2
To initiate a candidate under twenty-one years of age	2

The dispensations to confer degrees out of time were in all cases issued for soldier candidates, who were obliged to take up their military duties immediately.

The dispensation to initiate without full residence qualification, was granted to St. John's Lodge, No. 25, at Vegreville, in the case of a candidate, a Bank Manager, who had made application for membership in a Lodge in Humboldt, Saskatchewan, and was accepted. Being transferred, he was unable to be initiated. Under the circumstances, and on a unanimous vote of the Lodge by ballot, I granted the dispensation.

The dispensation to act on applications of candidates with physical defects were as follows:

Lethbridge Lodge, No. 39, to initiate a returned soldier who had lost his right arm below the shoulder. He had an artificial, mechanical arm, and was able to fulfill the necessary requirements.

Bow River Lodge, No. 1, to initiate a returned soldier who had defective hearing and was obliged to use an ear trumpet. I was present at this initiation and was quite satisfied that the candidate was able to fulfil the necessary requirements.

I feel that the broadest possible view should be taken in the matter of granting dispensations to initiate our returned soldiers, who have been wounded in the service of the Empire, provided they can fulfil the necessary requirements, and I therefore granted these dispensations gladly.

BY-LAWS

I examined and approved the By-Laws of the following Lodges:

Bow River	No. 1
Ashlar	" 28
Symbol	" 93
Hanna	" 78

also the following Amendments to By-Laws:

Strathmore	No. 77
Edson	" 68
Tawatinaw	" 71
Mount Lebanon	" 54
Alberta	" 3
Spitzie	" 6
Vemilion	" 24
Cascade	" 5
Commercial	" 81
Ionic	" 45
Britannia	" 18
Champion	" 84
Hope	" 38

RULINGS

1. An enquiry from Crossfield Lodge, No. 48, to know if they could use post cards for Lodge notices. My answer was, No! all notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.

2. A request for a ruling from Doric Lodge, Taber, as to whether or not they should accept an application for initiation from a candidate born in Austria, which country is now at war with Great Britain.

I replied: The information regarding the applicant is hardly complete enough to give a decision. No mention is made of the length of time the applicant has resided in Canada and whether or not he is a naturalized British subject. The question too, being a very serious one under present war conditions, I suggested that the application be not taken for the present and that the opinion of Grand Lodge be asked, in May next.

3. A request was received from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to grant a waiver of jurisdiction on a candidate residing near Empress, Alberta, and under the Jurisdiction of our Sibbald Lodge, U.D., to enable him to join Victoria Lodge, No. 82, of Alsask, Sask. The only reasons given were that two of the applicant's neighbours were members of Victoria Lodge, No. 82, and that he would like to belong to the same Lodge, also that he could drive with them to meetings and thus save expense.

Although anxious to co-operate with the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in furthering the interests of Freemasonry in the Districts adjacent to the boundary between our Provinces, yet I did not consider the reasons given sufficient to warrant asking our Sibbald Lodge to grant waiver of jurisdiction, and so informed the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

4. Permission was asked by Wetaskiwin Lodge, No. 15, to receive a Petition for initiation from a citizen of twenty-five years' standing, who thirty-two years ago received his E.A. Degree in a Lodge situated in a small village outside the city of Montreal, the name and number of which he did not remember, nor was he able to obtain the information on a visit East a few years ago. This village has since, become part of the City of Montreal, and the Lodge has either become extinct or has affiliated with the larger bodies in Montreal.

I authorized Wetaskiwin Lodge to receive the petition and proceed in the same manner as with any other applicant, who wishes to become a member by Initiation.

Several matters of a routine nature were also referred to me, all of them covered by the Constitution.

5. Saskatchewan Lodge, No. 92. Owing to lack of harmony in this Lodge, I suspended their Charter, after carefully going into the situation on July 21st last. I am very pleased to report that harmony now prevails and that the Charter has been restored.

HALIFAX DISASTER

On December 6th, the City of Halifax suffered one of the greatest disasters in the history of the Country. About two thousand of our fellow citizens were killed, thousands wounded, and hundreds were

rendered totally blind for life. On the following day when the extent of the disaster became known, I communicated with the members of the Board of General Purposes, in Calgary, and such outside members as could be reached by telephone. I was authorized to forward the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for distribution by them among the sufferers. The correspondence in connection with this matter appears in the report of the Grand Secretary.

PATRIOTIC FUND

In order to effect more complete organization of this Fund and to keep its objects and requirements before the Lodges, so that the personal interest and support of every member might be obtained, I appointed a central committee to take charge of it with M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, P.G.M., who has taken a very personal interest in the Fund, as Chairman.

I also issued the following letter, a copy of which was sent to every member of the Jurisdiction.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER

Calgary, July, 1917.

To all Lodges in the Jurisdiction:

Brethren:

At the Convocation of Grand Lodge held in the City of Red Deer, in May, 1915, there was established a Patriotic Fund for Masonic Dependents. Two Thousand (\$2,000) Dollars was appropriated to this Fund at the Convocations of 1915 and 1916. Subscriptions from the various Lodges within the jurisdiction have augmented these appropriations, and at this date there is a balance of Three Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-four (\$3,694) Dollars standing at the credit of the Fund.

The objects of the Fund are as follows:—

- (a) To assist our Masonic Returned Veterans in case of need, either by way of immediate grants of money, or to procure hospital and medical attention, employment, homes, etc.
- (b) To aid Dependents of our Soldier Brethren Overseas needing assistance.
- (c) To provide assistance in cases of need for the Widows and Orphans of our Soldier Brethren, Deceased, also to procure homes for, and advance the education of their children.
- (d) To assist in work of the Y.M.C.A. and other kindred institutions at the front.

Our obligations to our Brethren at the front and their dependents at home are very great, and as a Fraternity, we have done little up to the present to discharge them. In this connection, I cannot do better

than quote the words of our Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, in his address to Grand Lodge a few weeks ago:—

“As I went from place to place I saw in our Lodges the names of our men who have gone, the records of the men who have fallen. Very many of our Brethren are now at the front; many of them will never return. All this is throwing upon us a responsibility which we cannot ignore, and which it will be our greatest honor and our highest privilege to meet. The welfare of the widows and children of our departed brethren must be for years to come the principal concern of this Fraternity. Our obligation in this regard will not be answered by subscriptions suitable to our convenience or given with consideration as to what others give. Not until the giving hurts us do we really begin to give. If the money and effort that are expended in less laudable ways in the name of Masonry were directed to the help of the relatives of our brethren who need it, then would Masonry indeed be a great benefit to the community, and not merely a hope but partially realized.

If it were a question of the price to be exacted from us that we be allowed to remain in our own country that we might be with and care for our loved ones, what would we not give, what would we not do? This I take it is the nature of our obligation. This great privilege is being purchased for us by the sacrifices of our brothers overseas, by the anguish of their wives, by the sorrows of their children. To pay this debt we may easily do too little; we cannot do too much.”

My aim is to bring the present Fund up to \$25,000 before the next Convocation of Grand Lodge, in May, 1918. With even slight effort at organization, this can be done, and if the Masters, Officers and Brethren of all Lodges take this matter as a sacred Masonic duty, even more than this might be accomplished.

All the methods used by The Canadian Patriotic Fund and kindred organizations could be used without objection, i.e., personal subscriptions, gifts of goods, cattle, etc., auction sales, basket socials and entertainments.

I have appointed a Central Committee to take charge of the organization and details of the Fund. M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, of Edmonton, is Chairman, and all subscriptions from Lodges and Members are to be forwarded direct to him, at Molson's Bank Building, Edmonton. All information regarding the Fund, organization, etc., will be furnished by M.W. Bro. Bishop.

Please allow me to urge upon you our sacred duty as Masons at this time of trial and testing. Surely while our Brethren at the front are giving their lives for us and ours, we at home can at least give a part of our means and time.

I sincerely hope that, immediately on receipt of this letter, every Lodge will at once organize a campaign to raise the required sum to bring the Fund up to the amount needed.

Yours Fraternally,
W. M. CONNACHER,
Grand Master.

As the result of the organization effected and the appeals made by letter and in person, about \$15,000 has been contributed since our last Annual Communication. I am disappointed that we have not received the amount desired—\$25,000—and most earnestly urge that an active campaign for contributions to this fund be undertaken at once. I am convinced that the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta are willing and anxious to do their share towards contributing to the needs of the widows, orphans and other dependents of our Soldier Brethren who have given their lives in the Service of the Empire.

REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

At the last Annual Communication, a Committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and report at this Communication. The report of this Committee will be presented to you to-day.

THE WAR

We are now in the closing months of the fourth year of the war and as far as it is possible for us to see there is little prospect of peace in the immediate future. Since the collapse of Russia our enemies have been able to transfer an enormous number of men to the Western front and the fiercest fighting since the war began has been experienced during the past two months. The loss and suffering have been very great and we are at this time passing through a period of great stress and anxiety. It behooves us all as a Fraternity and as individual Brethren to constantly present our prayers to the G.A.O.T.U. for victory to our armies who are fighting so nobly in the cause of righteousness and freedom. Canada continues to do her part in this great war. Already nearly half a million men have enlisted for service as well as thousands of our women in many important departments. Some forty thousand of our noble men have already given up their lives and over one hundred thousand in killed, wounded and missing are recorded. The glory won by our men on the battle fields of Europe will never fade from the history of the Nation and the memory of their heroic deeds will be as laurels and coronets to our children forever.

In a material sense we are practically untouched by the war. Our obligations therefore should be the greater to assist in every way open to us—to produce and conserve food, so that our allies, our own nation, and more especially, our brave soldiers at the front may be supplied with the necessary food to maintain them in health and strength. The liberal giving of our sympathy, love and money in caring for our soldiers coming home wounded, and the many bereaved families of our Brethren who have fallen at the front. After the war is over and the period of reconstruction comes there are going to be many problems to solve. We, as a Fraternity should prepare now to take our place in our national life as an exemplar and exponent of Justice and Right and identify ourselves fully and intelligently with these problems.

And now my Brethren in saying farewell to you as your Grand Master I wish to thank you for the high honor that you conferred upon me a year ago. I also wish to thank the Officers of Grand Lodge for their hearty support and co-operation in all matters pertaining to the welfare of Freemasonry in the Jurisdiction. I would particularly

mention the work and assistance of the Grand Secretary whose kindly and efficient assistance has been of great value to me.

I sincerely hope that I shall mingle in your councils for many years to come and that opportunity may arise for me to serve the Brethren in the future as it has been my endeavor to serve them in the past.

Fraternally submitted,
W. M. CONNACHER,
Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83), seconded by V.W. Bro. J. E. Johnson (83), "That the Grand Master's address be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's address."

COMMUNICATIONS.

A letter of regret from R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe, Grand Treasurer, at his inability to be present, was read and ordered to be filed.

The following communications were also presented and read and ordered to be filed.

1. From H. Ballantyne, Western Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. Military Service, acknowledging receipt of a grant of \$1,000.00 from this Grand Lodge.

2. From R.W. Bro. James C. Jones, Acting Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, acknowledging receipt of \$1,000.00 from this Grand Lodge as a contribution in aid of the distressed Brethren of Nova Scotia and their families.

The following communication was read and on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), it was resolved, "That this communication be referred to the Grand Secretary for action."

HON. SECRETARY OF CANADA LODGE

55 Fetter Lane, London, E.C. 4, England.

April 26th, 1918.

Dear Sir and M.W. Bro.—

I am desired by the W.M. and Brethren of Canada Lodge to communicate to you and through you to the Grand Lodge of Alberta the wish of our Lodge to mark with a suitable Masonic emblem each of the graves of Canadian Masons who have paid the great sacrifice on the battlefields of France, and to solicit your assistance in the matter by the collection of information that will enable us to locate the graves of our fallen brethren.

May I ask that you collect the particulars of burial from those of your Lodge who mourn such loss, have this information listed, sent to me, and arrange that from time to time such later particulars as come to hand may be communicated to me.

It is hoped that the Masonic markings which we wish to attach to the crosses on the graves may be some indication to the families and Lodge Brethren of those who have laid down their lives for their Empire, that we of Canada Lodge feel their loss. Many of them we have had the honour of receiving in Lodge on their passage through England and we mourn this sacrifice as an offering to the highest principles of Ancient Freemasonry.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor,
Calgary, Alberta.

A. E. CARLYLE,
Hon. Secretary.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Banff, Alberta, May 15th, 1918

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.:

M.W. Sir and Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your approval and the consideration of The Grand Lodge of Alberta, the following report on the condition of Masonry in the First Masonic District, for the year 1917-1918.

Before proceeding with my report, permit me the opportunity of expressing to the Brethren of this District, my appreciation of the great honor conferred on me, by electing me to the high and important office of D.D.G.M. for District No. 1, and, while I felt perhaps that some Brother more capable, could have been selected, yet none could have been elected, who would have appreciated the honor more highly, or would have tried by words and actions, to be more worthy of that office, than myself.

I also wish to think the Brethren, throughout the District for the great kindness and courtesy extended to me during my term of office, and to express my gratitude to the Members of the various Lodges, particularly the Past Masters, for their presence and assistance on my official visits.

I had the pleasure of visiting every Lodge in the District, at least once officially, with the exception of one.

At the close of another year, as we consider the condition of Masonry in this District, we have a right to feelings of satisfaction and pride, not the pride of arrogance, nor the satisfaction that deadens ambition and progress, but the pride that comes from the joy of accomplishment, and the grateful satisfaction that should follow the bountiful blessings of a Benevolent Providence.

A spirit of good-fellowship and brotherly love has characterized the relations of the Lodges with one another, and the true spirit of Masonry has permeated the mutual intercourse of the Brethren, Peace and harmony being the ruling feature in all the Lodges, each striving to do its best, without any appearance of jealousy or enmity one towards the other, and all striving to live up to the great principles of Masonry, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

While the numbers, admitted to the Order, in the Lodges in this District, during the year, have not been as great, perhaps, as in other years, still I feel a greater progress has been than ever before, in things truly Masonic. Since the outbreak of this cruel war, we as Masons, have been thrilled by the splendid deeds performed by our Canadian boys and by our own Brethren, but again and again we have been compelled to add names to the Honor Roll, displayed in each of the Lodges of those who have enlisted for the cause of Freedom, and of those who have made the supreme sacrifice, while doing their duty on behalf of our beloved country, and fighting for the very principles that Masonry stands for. Let us hope and pray that the G.A.O.T.U. in His infinite wisdom and mercy will hasten the end of the war, and bring our boys safely home again.

During my visits, I urged upon the different Lodges the great necessity of contributing to the appeal made by our M.W. Grand

Master, for the Masonic Patriotic Relief Fund, and am pleased to report that all have given freely and generously.

In each Lodge I found the offices filled by capable, energetic, and proficient officers, in a great many instances by the younger members of the Lodge.

The Degree work, in both Rites as exemplified by the various Lodges, has reached a state of perfection, both as to proficiency and uniformity. The books and records, are well and neatly kept up to date by competent Secretaries, who in some cases were Past Masters.

Financially, the Lodges are in a healthy condition, each showing a surplus of assets over liabilities, the different Lodges owning their own equipment, being in good shape and fully insured.

When we consider the various calls made upon the Members for other than Masonic purposes, it is very gratifying to note the amount paid for relief in this District during the year 1917. The sum of \$2,476.54 being the amount disbursed for relief, which I am sure shows a truly Masonic spirit.

It is with deep regret, I have to report the passing away of 20 Members of this District, eight of the ten Lodges being called upon to mourn the death of beloved Brethren, who have gone to that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveller returns.

The following is a brief report of my visits to the several Lodges in the District:

BOW RIVER LODGE, No. 1

I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge officially at an emergent meeting held Nov. 26th, 1917, accompanied by Brother J. L. Arden, of Cascade Lodge, No. 5, and was received most kindly and fraternally by Worshipful Brother A. MacRae, Officers and Brethren. The M.M. Degree was conferred upon three Brethren, who passed a very creditable examination in the preceding degree, in a very able and efficient manner by W. Bro. A. MacRae, assisted by V.W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs and others.

The attendance of members and visitors was large and great interest was taken in the work.

The affairs of this Lodge are in good shape, the books and records being neatly and systematically looked after by Bro. G. A. T. Mason.

After the Lodge closed the invitation of the J.W. was accepted, and all repaired to the Banquet Hall, where refreshments and a splendid musical program, brought to a close one of my most enjoyable evenings.

CASCADE LODGE, No. 5

On Dec. 27th, 1917, I visited this Lodge officially at their regular meeting and was received most cordially by W. Bro. John Watters, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren.

This being my own Lodge, it afforded me great pleasure to install and invest the Officers for the new Year ably assisted by V.W. Bro. A. N. Saddington.

After the installation ceremony, the E.A. Degree was exemplified, in the accurate and impressive manner characteristic of this Lodge by W. Bro. L. S. Crosby, and his newly installed officers.

The affairs of this Lodge are in a healthy condition, and the books and records neatly kept up to date, by W. Bro. W. E. Ward.

After the Lodge closed, a very pleasant evening was spent in the refreshment room, where a bountiful repast, was served, in keeping with the war times, followed by a specially prepared program of music and speeches.

This Lodge is looking forward to a very prosperous year and great interest is being manifested by the Brethren.

PERFECTION LODGE, No. 9

I visited this Lodge officially on Nov. 13th, 1917, being introduced by M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, and received by W. Bro. T. M. Allen, Officers and Members, in that cordial manner characteristic of this Lodge.

This was an Emergent Meeting for the purpose of passing a number of Brethren to the F.C. Degree, whose proficiency in their examination of the preceding Degree reflects great credit on the Members who instructed the Brethren, and also upheld the tradition of the name of the Lodge.

I have pleasure in commending the work of W. Bro. Allen and his able officers, whose proficiency and interest in the work made a very pleasant evening end all too soon.

The attendance was good and the books and records are in capable hands, neatly kept, by Bro. Geo. Fordyce.

CALGARY LODGE, No. 23

One of the most pleasant memories during my term of office was on the evening of March 15th, 1918, when I officially visited Calgary Lodge, No. 23, being introduced by R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe and V.W. Bro. A. J. Davis, and received most cordially by Wor. Bro. E. M. McCammon, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren. This being an emergent meeting, and their Annual Irish Celebration, a very large number of Members and Visiting Brethren were present, among them R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterell, D.G.M., who gave an address, closing with some very touching remarks, on the eve of his departure for Overseas.

The F.C. Degree was exemplified in a highly creditable manner by W. Bro. McCammon, ably assisted by his capable officers. I particularly wish to congratulate the J.D. of this Lodge, Bro. H. L. Rogers in the skilled and very impressive manner in which he delivered the lecture in the second section of this Degree. Being a junior officer it impressed me all the more forcibly. Calgary Lodge, No. 23, should certainly feel proud of their every efficient staff of Officers.

This Lodge has very bright prospects for the coming year, harmony good-will and Brotherly Love predominate.

The books and records are systematically kept by Bro. J. A. McBurney.

Lodge closed in harmony when all repaired to the Banquet Hall to partake of a bountiful repast and enjoy a pipe as well as to be entertained by a beautiful and varied program under the skilful leadership of Bro. Harry Cole.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 28

I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge at a regular communication held March 14th, 1918, and was received in a very cordial manner by W. Bro. E. P. Withrow, and Brethren, a large number being present on this occasion. There did not happen to be any Degree work

on at this meeting, but I know the offices are filled by competent and efficient officers. The general business was done in a very prompt and businesslike manner. Among the Brethren present was M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, who gave a very instructive talk on Masonry in general. The books and records are in excellent shape, well kept and up-to-date. Ashlar Lodge is to be congratulated on having a Secretary such as W. Bro. W. E. Hall. Good-fellowship, Brotherly Love and harmony are particularly noticeable in this Lodge.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, No. 41

On account of my business I did not have the pleasure of visiting this Lodge officially as their meeting happened to be held on the nights when I could not get away. However, I have interviewed some of the Members and find everything in order. The effect of the war is certainly being felt by this Lodge. When we consider that over fifty per cent of the Members are serving King and Country, I think great credit is due W. Bro. S. Spicer and the few remaining Members in their endeavours to keep the Lodge running.

This Lodge is free from debt, is well insured and in a good condition financially. The books and records are carefully looked after by W. Bro. S. Spicer, Acting Secretary. Some of the other Lodges with much larger membership might well take a lesson from King Solomon No. 41, in the matter of attendance. This Lodge holds the record for the highest average attendance of any Lodge in the District.

MOUNT LEBANON LODGE, No. 54

I visited this Lodge officially on April 9th, 1918 and was cordially received and entertained by W. Bro. G. E. Keane, Pastmasters, Officers and Brethren. There was no Degree work on, but I witnessed the examination of Brethren for the higher Degree, whose proficiency reflected great credit on those who had this part of the work in hand. One thing that impressed me very favorably was the thorough and capable manner in which Bro. W. T. Nicholls, J.W. examined the Brethren, and I think it a good idea for other Lodges to follow the example of Mount Lebanon Lodge, and let the W.M. ask the Wardens to give the examination, thus enabling them to become more proficient in the work, before reaching the East. On Nov. 17th, 1917, I granted dispensation to this Lodge to remove to their present quarters, which is quite suitable for their present requirements. The attendance is good, books and records well kept up-to-date by Bro. H. E. Harmer. The best of good feeling prevails and one has that "at home" feeling when visiting Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 54.

KING GEORGE LODGE, No. 59

On April 26th, 1918, I visited this Lodge officially and was received in the most cordial manner by W. Bro. W. C. Young, Officers and Brethren, as well as a large number of Visiting Brethren, as every Lodge in the District, with the exception of one, was represented at this meeting. I witnessed the E.A. Degree conferred on two candidates, in a very able and impressive manner by W. Bro. Young and his well skilled Officers, who have their work perfect. The attendance in this Lodge is good, the books and records very neatly kept by Bro. T. R. Smalley, Acting Secretary. At this meeting I had the honor and very great pleasure of investing R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavlin, P.D.D.G.M. with a Regalia, presented by the Officers and Brethren of King George Lodge, No. 59.

The fraternal spirit prevailing among the Brethren of this Lodge is second to none, harmony and Brotherly Love being ever present. The excellent program furnished at the banquet table is well worthy of mention as a final touch to the fourth degree.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 83

Being in the city on April 1st, 1918, I visited this Lodge officially at an Emergent communication held at above date, and was received most cordially by I.P.M. Bro. Ronald Wood, Past Masters, Officers and Brethren. Although I had not notified the Lodge of my intended visit, there was a very good attendance. This Lodge, although young yet, is in a flourishing condition and has bright prospects for the future. I witnessed the F.C. Degree conferred on three Brethren, who passed a very creditable examination by W. Bro. Wood, assisted by several Past Masters, W. Bro. McNeill being absent from the City.

The books and records need no comment when in the capable hands of R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue, as everything is kept up-to-date.

Harmony and good-will prevail and the musical numbers rendered by the talented quartette make the fourth degree a cherished memory.

CRESCENT LODGE, No. 87

I visited this Lodge officially on Nov. 27th, 1917, accompanied by W. Bro. MacRae, of Bow River Lodge, No. 1, and received a cordial and hearty welcome by W. Bro. A. Nichols, W.M., Officers and Brethren. The F.C. Degree was conferred on a Brother, who passed a creditable examination, in a highly impressive manner by W. Bro. Nichols, assisted by W. Bro. Mercer. The books and records are in good shape and nicely kept up-to-date by Bro. Thos. Stoddart, Secretary. The attendance was good. Among the visiting Brethren was R.W. Bro. Butler, D.D.G.M., District No. 7, who gave us a very interesting talk along the line of things Masonic. A good fraternal spirit prevails and the future looks bright for Crescent Lodge, No. 87.

In leaving the Office of D.D.G.M. for District No. 1, I can only wish my successor all the kind words, deeds and generous hospitality that were bestowed upon me by the Brethren of the various Lodges in this District, my only regret being that I was not able to visit the Lodges more often, and I trust he will find the honors of the Office as pure and untarnished as when I received them.

Fraternally submitted,

T. A. DUNSMORE,

D.D.G.M., District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Redcliff, Alberta, May 10th, 1918

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.:

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Second Masonic District, as follows:—

FOREMOST LODGE, U.D.

Having received a petition from Foremost signed by fourteen Master Masons, I visited that place on Oct. 6th, 1917, and examined their proposed officers and inspected their lodge hall. After suggesting a few changes in the lay out of the hall, which they agreed to have made, I recommended to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, that a dispensation be granted them. The Grand Master granted the petition and directed me to make arrangements and institute the Lodge which was done and the Lodge instituted on Nov. 9th, 1917. I was ably assisted in this work by R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray, Past D.D.G.M., District No. 2, and W. Bro. Jas. Fisher, of Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2. There was a large delegation in attendance from Grassy Lake Lodge and Warner Lodge, U.D. This Lodge starts out under very favorable conditions and I recommend that a charter be granted this Lodge.

SUFFIELD LODGE, No. 85

On Oct. 10th the most Worshipful the Grand Master visited this Lodge and dedicated its new hall. A number of brethren from the Medicine Hat Lodges and Quarry Lodge at Redcliff were present to greet Most Worshipful Brother W.M. Connacher on this occasion. I was also present and made it my first official visit. After the dedication ceremony the first degree was conferred in a very satisfactory manner. The Lodge was then closed and those present repaired to the Almo Hotel where a banquet was served and a toast list responded to. Most Worshipful Brother Connacher in an address spoke on the Grand Lodge Patriotic Fund and urged all to subscribe to this Fund.

On February 13th, 1918, I again visited this Lodge and with the assistance of R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray, installed the officers. The books of this Lodge were not up-to-date, the secretary living on a farm several miles from town and was unable to get to all the meetings on account of weather conditions. Bro. Sharp, the new secretary, however, promised me that he would get the books in shape immediately. Although most of the members of this Lodge live in the country a fair average attendance was noted. The first Degree was conferred in a very able manner, W. Bro. Hutchinson presiding in the East. In my two visits to this Lodge I was shown every courtesy.

GRASSY LAKE LODGE, No. 57

I visited this Lodge on Jan. 11th, 1918, and with the assistance of R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray, installed the officers of this Lodge under special dispensation. This Lodge has experienced great difficulty in getting a sufficient number of the brethren out to hold meetings, but are now on the up grade and with fair conditions will come out all right. The books were in fairly good condition, except the historical register to which very little attention had been paid. The average attendance of the Lodge was eight.

MEDICINE HAT, No. 2

I officially visited this Lodge on February 12th, 1918, it being their regular communication. There was a good attendance, about 60 being present. I was accompanied on this visit by R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray. The Master Mason Degree was conferred but owing to the fact that the Senior Warden and Senior Deacon were ill in the hospital at the time and the balance of the officers new in their position, the work

was not put on as well as I am sure it otherwise would have been. The books of this Lodge are in excellent shape, and Bro. Napier, the Secretary, deserves great praise for the work he has done. The minute book and historical register are all that could be desired.

MIZPAH LODGE, No. 35

On February 19th, 1918, I visited this Lodge located at Medicine Hat. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition and a good Masonic spirit prevails. The first Degree was conferred and although I am not as familiar with the Canadian rite as with the York rite I was assured by several of the brethren present that it was never put on better in this Lodge, and from the way the officers performed their several duties it appeared to me that they were familiar with the work. The books of this Lodge are in very good condition, except that very little attention has been paid to the historical register. Bro. Hoag, the Secretary, assured me that this would receive his attention during the coming year. I was accompanied on this visit by R.W. Bro. Samuel Fawcett, Grand Registrar and R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray.

BOW ISLAND LODGE, No. 64

On March 19th, 1918, I paid an official visit to this Lodge. W. Bro. Lomas, the Master, was unable to be present owing to the bad condition of the roads as he lives in the next town west of Bow Island. W. Bro. Cotton presided. The Master Mason Degree was conferred on two candidates in a satisfactory manner. The books of this Lodge are in good condition. On behalf of the Lodge of the Second Masonic District I had the pleasure of investing R.W. Bro. W. A. Bateman, my predecessor, with a Past D.D.G.M. regalia. In a few appropriate words, Bro. Bateman thanked the Lodges of the District for the presentation.

DORIC LODGE, No. 31

I officially visited this Lodge at Taber on March 26th, 1918, it being a regular communication. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray, R.W. Bro. Dr. Leech was also present, having come over from Lethbridge for the occasion. There was no Degree work and after the routine business had been disposed of the Lodge adjourned and a banquet was served in the hall and several toasts were proposed and responded to. I spoke on the Grand Lodge Patriotic Fund and was ably supported by R.W. Bro. Dr. Leach. As the Lodge had not made any move to raise money for this fund it was suggested that a subscription list be started immediately. This was done and after one of the brothers had passed it around among those present it was announced that \$115.00 had been raised. I was assured that an effort would be made to increase this amount. This Lodge is in very good condition, a good Masonic spirit prevails and I was shown every courtesy.

QUARRY LODGE, No. 70

On April 15th, 1918, I officially visited this Lodge. It being my own Lodge I left it till the last as I have been present at every communication except two, since its organization on Sept. 13th, 1912. R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray, accompanied me on this visit. There were also present several brethren from Medicine Hat Lodge, No. 2; Mizpah Lodge, No. 35, and Suffield Lodge, No. 85. The Master Mason Degree was conferred on four candidates in a most satisfactory man-

ner by W. Bro. T. J. Arndahl, the W.M. The books of this Lodge are in good condition, the Secretary, Bro. F. H. Courtnell, taking great interest in his work. This Lodge is in a very prosperous condition and a fine Masonic spirit prevails. After the Lodge was closed a banquet was served in the hall and many good speeches were made along Masonic lines.

In conclusion I wish to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members of all the Lodges in this district for the honor they have paid me by electing me to this office, and also for the courtesy shown and assistance given me while acting in this official capacity. I especially wish to thank R.W. Bro. Geo. Murray who accompanied me on most of my visits at considerable inconvenience to himself, and rendered such valuable assistance.

Fraternally submitted,
W. H. HATCHER,
D.D.G.M., Second Masonic District.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, Alta., May 11, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.:

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit herewith my report of the condition of Masonry in Masonic District, No. 3, for the year 1917-1918.

I am pleased to say that, on the whole, the condition of Masonry in this district shows a steady and healthy growth in membership.

The Brethren evince an ever increasing knowledge of the true spirit of Masonry as well as a greater desire to apply its principles in their every day life.

The attendance is good considering that every Lodge has some of its members who have answered humanities call to fight and die that this world may still be fit to live in.

The Brethren, in most cases, are giving freely to the Masonic Patriotic Relief Fund and I have endeavored to impress upon them the fact that in this respect they "may easily do too little but cannot do too much." I am pleased to report that the Lodges in District No. 3, realizing the grave necessity of conserving food have eliminated elaborate banquets, which did not in any case, lessen the pleasure of the many social hours.

I regret to say that my business prevented me from doing all that I wanted to do during my term of office, and I desire to extend my sincere thanks to R.W. Bro. David McIntosh for his able assistance on many occasions.

EDMONTON No. 7, EDMONTON

I visited this Lodge Dec. 20, 1917, which was the occasion of their election of officers.

R.W. Bro. H. Darling was present and gave a splendid discourse on Masonry in general.

I visited this Lodge officially on Feb. 21, 1918. The officers are well posted in their work, the Secretary is very proficient and all books are well kept, and a credit to the Lodge. Harmony prevails.

STAR OF THE WEST, No. 34, LEDUC

I visited this Lodge Feb. 5, 1918. I was accompanied by R.W. Bro. Finlay Watson, D.D.G.M., District No. 4, who gave a splendid address which was much appreciated by those present. The Second Degree was exemplified in a most impressive manner by W. Bro. W. L. Taylor and his able officers.

The Brethren own their own building which is well furnished and very comfortable.

The books of the Lodge are well taken care of.

BUFFALO PARK LODGE, No. 44, WAINWRIGHT

I paid my official visit to this Lodge on June 17, 1918, and installed the Officers.

There was a good attendance, and the officers and members are enthusiastic and give good attention to their duties and the Lodge is prospering.

UNITY No. 51, EDMONTON

On December 26, 1917, I paid an official visit to Unity Lodge No. 51. R.W. Bro. David McIntosh installed the officers in his usual impressive and instructive manner. On this evening the Lodge Honor Roll was unveiled, R.W. Bro. H. Darling performing the ceremony. He paid a high tribute to the many thousand Masons who died that the world might live. There were 78 names on the honor roll. Surely Unity Lodge has reason to be proud. I visited this Lodge on two other occasions, R.W. Bro. McIntosh, who is acting Secretary in place of an enlisted brother, keeps the books in perfect condition.

CONNAUGHT LODGE No. 69, VIKING

I visited this Lodge on June 24, 1917, and installed their officers. This Lodge is fortunate in having among its members R.W. Bro. W. McAthey, who is most energetic in working for the welfare of the Lodge. The attendance is not as good as it should be, partly due to some of the members living some distance away.

The books are in creditable shape.

COMMERCIAL LODGE No. 81, EDMONTON

I am a member of this Lodge and attended all their meetings except one emergent during my term of office. The Lodge is unique in that 85 per cent of the members are commercial travellers and for their convenience the meetings are held on Saturday night.

I visited the Lodge officially December 27, 1917, when R.W. Bro. D. McIntosh installed the officers. The officers are proficient in the work. The Lodge is prosperous and good fellowship prevails.

DYNAMIC LODGE U.D., HOLDEN

This Lodge was instituted by R.W. Brother McIntosh, on July 2, 1917. I was unable to attend on this occasion. I paid an official visit March 6, 1918. There was a good attendance of the members and all seemed to take a real interest. The third degree was exemplified in a very able manner by the officers. W.B. Bro. Ballard is a most sincere Mason and under his management, the Lodge is prosperous. The members attend regularly and all officers are competent.

The books are well and carefully kept. They are in good shape financially. I am pleased to recommend that a charter be granted and predict a bright future for Dynamic Lodge.

ALBION LODGE U.D., CHAUVIN

This Lodge was instituted by R.W. Brother McIntosh on June 30, 1917. I was unable to attend. I visited the Lodge officially Nov. 15, 1917, when the third degree was exemplified in a very impressive manner. The Lodge is very fortunate in having several Pastmasters who take great interest and assist and instruct in the work. The membership is not large, but the members are sincere and active, and I am sure Albion Lodge will give a good account of itself.

I heartily recommend that a charter be granted.

WEST EDMONTON LODGE, U.D.

I attended a preliminary meeting of the members of this Lodge on August 8th, 1917, in company with R.W. Bro. McIntosh, when the application for dispensation was signed and I recommended that a dispensation be granted. The Lodge was instituted by R.W. Bro. McIntosh on Oct. 3, 1918. I paid an official visit Jan. 2, 1918. The work in the first degree was exceptionally well illustrated. I visited on two other occasions. The officers are all earnest and members attend the meetings. The Secretary performs his duties with care. I look for good prosperity in West Edmonton Lodge and recommend that a charter be granted.

EDGERTON LODGE, U.D., EDGERTON

Though I had several opportunities of conversing with the officers of this Lodge, I regret to say that I was unable to pay them an official visit. On two occasions I arranged to visit this Lodge but unforeseen circumstances prevented me.

I have information from those who have visited Edgerton Lodge that the officers are capable and energetic and do not hesitate to recommend that a charter be granted.

BUFFALO PARK LODGE, No. 44, WAINWRIGHT

On June 17, 1917, I paid my official visit to Buffalo Park Lodge and installed the officers. There was a good attendance. The officers and members are enthusiastic and the Lodge is prospering.

SASKATCHEWAN LODGE, No. 92, EDMONTON

At the beginning of my term considerable discord existed among the members of Saskatchewan Lodge. With a view to restoring harmony an emergent meeting was called on June 17, 1918, to meet the

M.W. the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Connacher, M.W. Bro. Blair, M.W. Bro. Bishop, R.W. Bro. Darling and R.W. Bro. McIntosh were present. The members were given an opportunity to explain their difficulties and they seemed to be unable to come to any agreement. M.W. Bro. Connacher ordered me to arrest the charter which I did. I discussed matters with the members on many occasions during the summer months and a meeting was called on Dec. 21, 1917, at which the M.W. Grand Master attended. There was much discussion, but nothing was accomplished, and it was then decided by a vote of those present that proceedings be deferred. During the early part of March, 1918, a petition, signed by most of the members was presented to the M.W. Grand Master, asking him to restore the charter and the charter was duly restored on March 18, 1918.

I visited Saskatchewan Lodge on April 18, 1918, when Bro. A. H. Petch was elected to the office of Worshipful Master and R.W. Bro. McIntosh, assisted by R.W. Bro. Field as D. of C. installed the officers. A pleasant social hour was spent after the meeting. I also attended their regular meeting on April 25, 1918, when considerable routine business was disposed of. The Lodge has many members who are well skilled in Masonry and I have faith in its future prosperity.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Brethren of District No. 3 for electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and for the many courtesies and kindnesses received at their hands, whilst on my official visits and elsewhere.

Fraternally submitted,

J. B. HAWKINS,

D.D.G.M., District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Wetaskiwin, May 18, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to present my report as District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 4 for the year 1917-18. I have visited all the Lodges in this District excepting Kenilworth, Red Deer. The members of this Lodge were invited to join with Red Deer Lodge on the occasion of my official visit there.

All the Lodges in this District appear to be active and the prospects are good for future increase in membership.

In connection with all my visits, we discussed the Patriotic Fund issue which has been well received and liberal contributions are expected from all the Lodges in this District.

KITCHENER LODGE U.D.

I was delayed in visiting this Lodge early in the year on account of distance from railway. I called an emergent meeting on May 15th, and accompanied by R.W. Bro. Carruthers and twenty-four members of Eureka Lodge, visited Kitchener Lodge on

that date. Four initiates received their Fellow Craft degree. The degree was conferred by R.W. Bro. Carruthers assisted by other members of Eureka Lodge. R.W. Bro. Reid and several Brethren from Britannia Lodge were also present at this meeting.

I found that the Worshipful Master and his officers were interested in their work and capable of conferring the degrees.

As this Lodge is situated at some distance from the railway and is inconvenient for a Grand Lodge officer to visit, I would suggest that the M.W. the Grand Master arrange with some capable Brother from Eureka or Britannia Lodge to visit this Lodge two or three times in order to assist them in their work and make a confidential report to the D.D.G.M.

I would recommend that a Charter be granted to this Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

F. B. WATSON,

D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lougheed, Alta., May 10, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta. A.F. & A.M.
M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit herewith my official report as D.D.G.M. of the Fifth Masonic District, G.R.A.

I have had the pleasure of visiting each of the nine Lodges in this District at least once officially. The condition of Masonry as a whole in this District is good. While we have not gained numerically to any great extent, we have made up in practical work what we lacked in growth. It has been a source of pride to me to see the manner in which Masons have responded to the call of work that has been carried on for the relief of our brave soldiers and their dependents. Every Lodge in this district has Brethren who are serving King and Country and to these Brethren we have a duty to perform which we should never lose sight of. Liberal support of our Patriotic Fund is the least we can do.

On March 23rd we held a Lodge of Instructions in Morning Star Hall, Lougheed, which was well attended. The Entered Apprentice Degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro. Nichol of Tuscan Lodge, assisted by Brethren from several of the sister Lodges in this District. The Master Mason Degree was exemplified by Harmony Lodge No. 75. Both degrees were exemplified in a manner which reflected credit on the officers. The attendance and the interest taken at this Lodge of Instruction proves that much good results from a Lodge of Instruction. I wish to thank all of the Lodges for their support in helping to make this our fifth Lodge of Instruction a success.

I also wish to thank the Brethren of the Fifth Masonic District for conferring on me the high honour of D.D.G.M.

CAMROSE LODGE No. 37

I visited this Lodge on May 9th. This being the last day of the Y.M.C.A. campaign, several of the Brethren could not attend, and no work was done. I found this Lodge well officered and their books and finances in good shape and a spirit of good fellowship prevailing.

TUSCAN LODGE No. 43

I visited this Lodge on April 24th. No work was done but as I often visit this Lodge I know that they do excellent work. Their books and finances are in good shape and their officers are very capable. A splendid Masonic spirit exists in this Lodge.

COMET LODGE No. 50

I visited this Lodge on two occasions and saw the M.M. Degree exemplified in a creditable manner. On account of so many railroad men belonging to this Lodge their attendance is irregular and makes very hard work for the officers. They are very enthusiastic and I look forward to a very successful year. They are well officered and their books and finances are in good shape.

PROVOST LODGE No. 61

I visited this Lodge on March 27th. The E.A. Degree was exemplified in a very creditable manner and there was a very good attendance. They are well officered and their books and finances in good shape. There was a slight friction existing in the Lodge which I have the pleasure to report was settled satisfactorily and I left the Lodge in peace and harmony.

COAL LODGE No. 62

I visited this Lodge on April 18th. No work was put on. This Lodge has been in poor shape for some time, but I think its prospects are the best they have bene for some time and I look for improvement. They are getting some new members this year. Their books and finances are in good shape, but attendance is poor.

HARMONY LODGE No. 75

I visited this Lodge on November 26th. The F.C. Degree was exemplified. I also visited this Lodge at a joint installation of officers, at which time the officers of Harmony Lodge No. 75, Tuscan Lodge No. 43, Excelsior Lodge No. 80 and Morning Star Lodge No. 79 were installed. A very pleasant evening was spent. This Lodge always does good work and the spirit of good fellowship always exists. Their officers are very capable and their books and finances are in good shape.

FIDELITY LODGE No. 76

I visited this Lodge on November 27th, and had the pleasure of seeing R.W. Bro. Whitby confer the E.A. Degree on his son. The work was done in excellent manner. There was a large number of visiting Brethren present. This Lodge is well officered and their books and finances are in good shape.

MORNING STAR LODGE No. 79

This is my home Lodge and I have been present at nearly every meeting. The Lodge is well officered and the books are well kept. On account of losing our furniture two years ago we are not in as good shape financially as we should be but are hoping to overcome this in the near future.

EXCELSIOR LODGE No. 80

I visited this Lodge on April 25th. The M.M. Degree was conferred on three Brethren in a most commendable manner. As this is the youngest Lodge in our District they are to be congratulated on their progress as I think they do as good work as any Lodge in the District. Every lecture in this Degree was given as nearly perfect as could be. Their books and finances are in good shape and their attendance is very good.

Fraternally yours,

W. C. REED,

D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Granum, May 20, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to present my report as D.D.G.M. of the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1917-1918.

NANTON LODGE No. 17, NANTON

I visited this Lodge, officially, on January 18th and found them working under prosperous conditions and their books well and neatly kept by their Secretary, R.W. Bro. Tegler. I had the pleasure of seeing two First degrees put on, which was done in a very capable manner.

Wor. Bro. Armey, Master of this Lodge, is an enthusiastic Mason, as he has to come a considerable distance to attend the Lodge, but rarely misses a meeting.

STAVELY LODGE No. 33, STAVELY

On January 22nd I visited this Lodge and had the pleasure of installing their officers for the ensuing year, assisted by R.W. Bro. McDiarmid.

Work in the First degree was exemplified by the new officers in a very able manner, after which refreshments were served.

Wor. Bro. Haslam and Rev. Bro. Phoenix of Claresholm and Rev. Bro. Wilford of Okotoks gave instructive talks on Masonry. This Lodge owns their Lodge room, which is neatly furnished.

CAIRO LODGE No. 32, CLARESHOLM

I visited this Lodge officially on Feb. 19th accompanied by some of the Brethren of Joppa No. 40 and had the pleasure of seeing one of our returned veterans initiated into Masonry. The books are well and neatly kept by their Secretary, Rev. Bro. Phoenix, and the Historical Register is up-to-date.

CORNERSTONE LODGE No. 19, HIGH RIVER

I visited this Lodge on March 21st and work was exemplified in the Second degree. The attendance is very good and the Lodge is to be congratulated on their very efficient officers. The books are well and neatly kept and finances in excellent shape. This Lodge has the largest membership of the district and their Lodge room is finely furnished.

CORINTHIAN LODGE No. 22, OKOTOKS

I visited this Lodge on April 5th. No work was put on, owing to a candidate not being able to be present, but I am satisfied that the degree work is done in a very capable manner. The Lodge room is nicely furnished and the books are neatly kept and the finances in good shape.

JOPPA No. 40, GRANUM

I have attended most of the meetings of this, my mother Lodge. The books are well kept and the financial condition good. There is considerable work being put on since the new year and prospects are excellent.

In conclusion, I wish to state that the Lodges of this district are enjoying a prosperous year and getting good material into their Lodges. Although the arrearages in some instances are high I am assured that measures are being taken to lower them.

I wish to express my appreciation of the honor the Brethren of this district conferred upon me by electing me D.D.G.M. and for the courtesy and hearty welcomes extended to me on my several visits.

Fraternally submitted,

W. R. COCHRANE,

D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Strathmore, Alta., May 1st, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit herewith my report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District and a report of my official acts for the year ending May, 1918.

The Seventh Masonic District consists of six Lodges, namely: Gleichen Lodge No. 36, Langdon Lodge No. 52, Strathmore Lodge No. 53, Bassano Lodge No. 55, Acme Lodge No. 60, and Brooks Lodge No. 73, all the Lodges being located at the towns of their respective names.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to visit all these Lodges at least once, and in some instances twice and three times during the past year, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Brethren throughout the District for the kindness and courtesy extended to me on every occasion.

I found the Officers in every Lodge well up in their work and very enthusiastic Masons, guarding well the landmarks of the Order and exercising particular caution in the selection of material offered for membership, with the exception of Langdon Lodge No. 52. The Secretaries of the various Lodges are efficient and their books are worthy of commendation, although with the exception of Bassano Lodge No. 55, I do not approve of the arrears of dues which are on the books as every Lodge in the District was particularly cautioned on this subject as I felt it my duty to take up the Statistical Report of each Lodge on my first official visit and point out to them their strong points and their weak points and compare them with other Lodges in the district.

There were two Lodges of Instruction held during my term of office, one at Strathmore for the benefit of all Canadian Rite Masons in the District, and one at Brooks for the benefit of all York Rite Masons in the District.

ACME LODGE No. 60

On June 27th, assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. R. W. Hollinger, P.D.D.G.M., I installed the officers for the ensuing year. I found this Lodge in good working order, good attendance of all members in the District, with harmony prevailing. The books and charter of this Lodge are kept in the bank vault while not in use, to insure protection from fire and for safe-keeping. I would like to see all the Lodges in the District take the same precaution. I have received their notices regularly and regret very much not being able to visit them the second time as it was my intention to do so, and I can only confirm the remarks of my predecessor, Rt. W. Bro. J. A. Macdonald, that it is not doing this Lodge justice not to have the regular visits of the D.D.G.M., and for the same reason as Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Macdonald, I recommended to the

Most Wor. Grand Master, for his consideration, the placing of Acme Lodge in the Crossfield District on account of it being much nearer, and the trail being much better than it is to any point on the main line, where all other Lodges in District No. 7 are located. Acme Lodge is to be congratulated upon its Statistical Report, its work and excellent condition after the many hardships it has suffered in the past.

STRATHMORE LODGE No. 53

Strathmore Lodge is my home Lodge, and I was present at every meeting during the year, making three official visits. Strathmore Lodge shows the best financial standing in District No. 7, owning their own building, the use of which is given to the Red Cross Society and all other patriotic affairs free of charge. Strathmore Lodge is the only Lodge in the District that runs its business through a Board of General Purposes, and I attribute the harmony and welfare of the Lodge to the fact that all the business of the Lodge is transacted by their Board of General Purposes and placed before the Lodge for its adoption or recommendation. The regular meetings of this Board of General Purposes is the Monday following the regular meeting of the Lodge, and their system might well be copied by other Lodges. Particular attention is paid by this Lodge to the social end of Masonry and frequent occasions are offered where the ladies are present.

On July 9th I paid my first official visit when the W.M. conferred the second degree in a very proficient manner. The Secretary, Wor. Bro. Brown, a Past Master of the Lodge, keeps his books in excellent form. The members of Langdon Lodge were given a warm fraternal invitation to visit Strathmore Lodge on this occasion and many of the Langdon Brethren would have been present had it not been for a very severe electrical and rain storm. On November 12 a Lodge of Instruction was called at Strathmore for the benefit of all Canadian Rite Masons in the District. The Lodge was opened in the first degree of Masonry at 7.30 p.m. by the W.M., Wor. Bro. H. F. McDonald, and received the following G.L. officers Most Wor. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, G. Sec'y., and P.G.M.; Rt. Wor. Bro. G. W. Kerby, Grand Chaplain; Very Wor. Bro. A. J. Davis, Sr. Grand Deacon, and myself, with the Grand Lodge honors. The Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees of Masonry, when the third degree was exemplified by Past Masters of the Calgary Lodges in an exceptionally able manner with Wor. Bro. W. A. Ackland as W.M. A discussion of the work of the degree followed when M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor answered many questions, and much good was accomplished by this Lodge of Instruction. There was an exceptionally good attendance from Acme Lodge, Gleichen Lodge and Strathmore Lodge, besides many other visitors.

At the close of the Lodge of Instruction Rt. Wor. Bro. Major Kerby unveiled the Honor Roll of Strathmore Lodge in the presence of the Masons and their ladies, after which about one hundred and fifty people were banqueted by Strathecona Lodge, following with a musical programme by Zetland Quartette and many excellent addresses, particularly those of Most Wor. Bro. S. Y. Taylor and Rt. Wor. Bro. G. W. Kerby.

On January 2nd, 1918, I installed the Officers for the ensuing year. The Lodge is to be congratulated on its entire set of officers. Wor. Bro. Thos. E. Wright as W.M. is almost a guarantee of the year's success, and Wor. Bro. W. E. Brown and W. Bro. A. W. Girvin being re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, which showed good judgment amongst the brethren.

GLEICHEN LODGE No 36

I visited this Lodge for the first time on July 10th, travelling through the awful hailstorm which swept the district as far west as Strathmore and as far east as Cluny. The storm was one of the worst ever known and did a tremendous amount of damage in the District. Travelling was almost impossible and it was after 10 o'clock when I arrived, which was just in time to see two Third Degrees exemplified in a very able manner.

The Lodge is to be congratulated on having two Past D.D.G. M.'s, Rt. Wor. Bro. A. R. Yates and Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Macdonald, who take a very active interest in the Lodge work, along with Rt. Wor. Bro. Canon Stocken, Past Grand Chaplain of the G.L. of Alberta as Secretary, and through their united efforts have added the musical ceremony with the work.

I paid an informal visit to this Lodge on the occasion when the Grand Lodge Officers of this District conferred the Third Degree, Rt. Wor. Bro. A. R. Yates, P.D.D.G.M.; Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Macdonald, P.D.D.G.M.; Rt. Wor. Bro. Stocken, P.G.C., G.L. of A., and Rt. Wor. Bro. Thos. Crawford, P.D.D.G.M., acting as the principal officers. On December 27th I installed the officers for the ensuing year, assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Rt. Wor. Bro. M. M. Downey, Rt. Wor. Bro. R. H. Struthers and five other Past Masters. Gleichen Lodge is to be congratulated on its very efficient set of officers for the year 1918, and a prosperous year is to be looked forward to. Rt. Wor. Bro. Stocken was re-elected Secretary, which proves the very efficient work done by him in the past. I suggest to Gleichen Lodge that they keep their books in such a manner as to be able to give certified figures in regard to their total of all arrearages and number of members in arrears.

After being burned out in February, 1916, the Lodge is to be congratulated on its progress and its Masonic enthusiasm in purchasing a building for its own use.

BROOKS LODGE No. 73

I made three official visits to this Lodge and congratulated them on being the most progressive Lodge in this District. Only July 17th I made my first visit accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. R. H. Struthers and Rt. Wor. Bro. Thos. Crawford, P.D.D.G.M.'s of this district. I found this Lodge well skilled in Masonry and in all their duties. The Third Degree was conferred upon three candidates and the very efficient manner in which the candidates

had their examination up proved to me the efficient manner in which the Master and his officers put on their work. On January 8th I visited the Lodge for the second time, when Rt. Wor. Bro. R. H. Struthers installed the officers for the ensuing year, assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Geo. Murray and myself. On this occasion it was shown to me that Brooks Lodge is of one mind and one desire; that is to promote further interest in Masonry, with harmony prevailing. The officers for 1918 are up to a high standard of efficiency and are supported by every member of the Craft in their district.

On March 19th I was instructed by the M.W. the Grand Master to dedicate the spacious hall occupied and owned by the brethren of Brooks Lodge No. 73. The building is admirably fitted for the purposes of Masonry and the Brethren of Brooks Lodge should be proud of and are to be congratulated on having such a Lodge room, which is second to none in Alberta. On this occasion I was accompanied and assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. J. H. Binns, Rt. Wor. Bro. R. H. Struthers and other distinguished brethren. After the dedication ceremony a Lodge of Instruction was held in the York Rite work for the benefit of all York Rite Masons in the District. There was a goodly number of the Bassano brethren present besides visitors from Suffield and Medicine Hat and much good was accomplished.

LANGDON LODGE No. 52

On August 1st I made a special trip to Langdon to see the Wor. Master after failing to have a meeting of the Lodge called by me. The Wor. Master informed me of the condition of his Lodge and desired an official visit from the Most Wor. Grand Master and other G.L. officers to try and revive this Lodge into working order again. This was taken up and on November 29th the G. Secretary telephoned me to meet the Grand Master and himself in Langdon on that night when it would be decided as to the future welfare of the Lodge and I am glad to say that the Langdon Brethren were enthusiastic in starting up again and promised to arrange a meeting place and hold regular meetings. On February 21st I installed the officers for the ensuing year in their new Lodge room and there is no reason why this Lodge should not hold themselves together and prosper as every other Lodge in this district has done. I have not received any notice of any other meeting from them and cannot say whether they are keeping their promise or not. The statistical report shows no meetings were held whatever, although they did hold a few business meetings but did not have a sufficient number to open and close their Lodge. I submit to the Grand Master for his consideration the future welfare of this Lodge.

BASSANO LODGE No. 55

I visited this Lodge on August 8th on the occasion of the first official visit of the Most Wor. Grand Master, accompanied by Rt. Wor. Brother G. W. Kerby, G.C., and Most Wor. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, P.G.M. The meeting was called for the purpose of

receiving the Grand Master and to stimulate fraternal relationship between the Lodges in District No. 7, and to promote the interest and harmony of Masonry in general. Invitations were extended by the Master of the Lodge to Brooks Lodge, Gleichen Lodge and Strathmore Lodge and the meeting was largely attended, although previous rains stopped many more of the Craft from attending. Many interesting points were taken up, of which the most important one was the Grand Master's address on the G.L. Benevolent Fund.

On January 3rd I installed the officers for the ensuing year assisted by the Rt. Wor. Bro. R. H. Struthers. The present set of officers are exceptionally good with a Master who has shown me that he is going to rule and govern his Lodge in the proper manner and I am glad to say petitions for initiation are now before the Lodge and with renewed life and vigor Bassano Lodge will have a more successful year than the past two. Bassano Lodge is the only Lodge in the district which show no arrears of dues on their books and with no liabilities and \$3,000 assets, and a Lodge room built by their own hands that they might well be proud of.

Yours fraternally,

G. FRANK BUTLER,
D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Frank, Alberta, May 14, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit herewith my official report on the condition of Freemasonry in the above District.

I have visited all the Lodges once officially with extra visits unofficially to some of the Lodges, and on December 27, 1917, we had a joint installation of the officers of Sentinel Lodge No. 26 and Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86 in the Masonic Hall at Blairmore, Alta., when I had the pleasure of installing the officers of these two Lodges, and was very ably assisted by Past Masters V.W. Bro. Geo. E. Cruickshank, W. Bro. A. Ross, W. Bro. J. Brown and W. Bro. P M Christopher

I am very glad to be able to state that the Lodges in the Eighth Masonic District are doing well during these hard and trying times, and are doing more than holding their own as far as membership is concerned

ALBERTA LODGE No. 3, MACLEOD

I visited Alberta Lodge No. 3 on the night of Sept. 26, 1917, when there was a fair attendance, considering the stormy night, and I had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the second

degree by the W.M., W. Bro. Morris, in a very able manner. I was glad to find that the Lodge had such an able Secretary in the person of Bro. MacKinnon, and although there is a large amount of dues outstanding, I am convinced that every effort is being put forth to have same reduced to a minimum, and I am sure that the outlook for this Lodge in the future is bright.

SPITZIE LODGE No. 6, PINCHER CREEK

I visited Spitzie Lodge No. 6 at Pincher Creek officially on the night of September 28, 1917, accompanied by V.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, Bro. F. J. Smith and Bro. G. B. Minue of Sentinel Lodge No. 26 when we had the pleasure of seeing the Second Degree conferred on two candidates by acting Past Master W. Bro. Ross in the absence of the W. Master. There was a good turnout among the members and we had a very lively meeting. R.W. Bro. Kemmis, R.W. Bro. H. Gunn and R.W. Bro. Dempster were also present. They also have too many arrears on their books but every effort is being made by the Secretary to have as much of it collected as possible. After the meeting was over we proceeded to the banquet room where refreshments were served and all reported having a good time.

SENTINEL LODGE No. 26, HILLCREST

I visited Sentinel Lodge No. 26 officially on their regular meeting night, March 27, 1918, when the Second Degree was conferred on two candidates by the W.M., W. Bro. H. Stobbs, and the work was well done. Sentinel Lodge No. 26 is my Mother Lodge and I have been present at all the meetings during the year except one and I was visiting Alberta Lodge No. 3 as their meeting night is on the same date as ours. Sentinel Lodge still has quite a sum of money out in arrears but every effort is being made to have the same written off the books at an early date. And although Sentinel Lodge has had some very hard knocks in the past she is still pressing ahead and exemplifying that great Masonic virtue, Charity, to many of the needy families, who have been left in her care.

SUMMIT LODGE No. 30, COLEMAN

On June 17, 1917, I visited Summit Lodge No. 30 accompanied by several of the members of Sentinel Lodge and there was also a number present from Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86 and the Third Degree was conferred in a very able manner by the W.M. W. Bro. Hunter assisted by R.W. Bro. W. L. Ouimette. I also was present at Summit Lodge on October 4, 1917, when the Second Degree was conferred by W. Bro. Hunter. I visited Summit Lodge officially on November 15, 1917, when I again had the pleasure of witnessing the work in the Third Degree, which is always done well in Summit Lodge. Summit Lodge is very fortunate in having a member like R.W. Bro. W. L. Ouimette as their Secretary, and that is enough for any one who knows him to assure them that

every detail will be attended to. Besides being Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. L. Ouimette is one of their mainstays in the Degree work. I have found all the officers very well skilled in the work, and I can bespeak a bright future for Summit Lodge.

CHINOOK LODGE No. 47, COWLEY

I visited Chinook Lodge No. 47 on their regular meeting night on November 26, 1917, officially. I again had the pleasure of having the company of V.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank. And I was very glad to meet R.W. Bro. Kemmis on this visit. There was no Degree work to be put on, but Chinook Lodge is in good shape and well officered and since my visit they have been receiving candidates and conferring Degrees. R.W. Bro. M. A. Murphy, as their Secretary, has the Lodge books in fine shape and also has the Historical Register written up-to-date in a most business-like manner, and I am sure that as long as R.W. Bro. Murphy is their Secretary that part of the Lodge work, and I may state a very important part of the work, will be well looked after.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 86, BLAIRMORE

On October 8, 1917, I visited Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86, but it being a public holiday there was a very small attendance. On April 8, 1918, I visited Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86 officially and there was a very good turnout of the members, and as there was no degree work we discussed the ways and means of having joint meetings among the three Lodges in the Pass, also of having Past Masters' nights occasionally when all the chairs will be occupied by Past Masters of the three Lodges and the degrees conferred by them, and since that time we have been in touch with all the Lodges in the Pass, and it has met with the approval of them, and I am looking forward to some very lively times during the summer months. I again visited Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86 on May 13, 1918, accompanied by Bro. W. L. Evans and Bro. H. Hutton of Sentinel Lodge, when the E.A. Degree was conferred by the W.M. W. Bro. S. Mason in a very able manner indeed, and it was a real pleasure for those present to sit and watch the work so well done. Rocky Mountain Lodge is very fortunate in having good officers, and they have a real live Secretary in the person of W. Bro. G. A. Passmore, who has that part of the work right at his finger-tips and I think that in the future Rocky Mountain Lodge will prosper.

I may state that it has been a great pleasure for me to have come in contact so much with R.W. Bro. Kemmis during my year of office. As R.W. Bro. Kemmis was delegated to visit most of the Lodges in the southern part of the Province on behalf of the Masonic Patriotic Relief Fund, I had the pleasure of being present at Spitzie Lodge No. 6 when R.W. Bro. Kemmis gave a very stirring address on the needs of the fund, and informed us that as a body of Masons in the future we would have to pay a little more for our Masonry than what we had done in the past, as there would be so many calls on us after this great war was ended, but he had no doubt but what every Mason would pay his part. I also met R.W. Bro. Kemmis, R.W.

Bro. M. A. Murphy and W. Bro. McMillan at Summit Lodge No. 30 and I again met R.W. Bro. Kemmis at Chinook Lodge No. 47 and at Sentinel Lodge No. 26, and I am sure that the members of the Masonic Order in the Eighth Masonic District will do their duty as far as lies in their power towards this great and noble cause, the Alberta Masonic Patriotic Relief Fund.

In conclusion, I desire to thank all the Lodges in the District for the most courteous way that I have been received on all my visits, and to those Brethren who so ably assisted me in the discharge of the duties appertaining to my office.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE PATTINSON,

D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Hanna, Alberta, May 15, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to hand herewith an account of my stewardship as D.D.G.M. for No. 9 District.

On August 20th, accompanied by twenty Hanna Brethren, I instituted Hand Hills Lodge at Delia and found the Brethren very enthusiastic over their future.

On September 4th I instituted Mount Moriah Lodge at Sibbald, where the same feelings prevailed.

On September 5th, accompanied by a number of the Hanna Brethren, I made my official visit to Beaver Lodge No. 56 at Castor, and saw the third degree exemplified in a very creditable manner considering the small attendance. This Lodge has fallen off considerably due to a number of their members having moved away, but it has not diminished their enthusiasm. On November 1st I again had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge in company with the M.W. the Grand Master.

On October 31st I accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master on a visit to Apollo Lodge No. 27 at Stettler. This Lodge appeared to be well governed and its finances in good shape.

On November 2nd I accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master to Coronation Lodge No. 72 at Coronation and found a good attendance and the Secretary had everything in good shape.

On February 5th I instituted Oyen Lodge U.D. at Oyen. This Lodge has started out under very favorable circumstances, its officers are well skilled in their work and they have a large membership.

On February 14th, accompanied by Wor. Bro. Stirling of Hanna Lodge, I visited Symbol Lodge No. 93 at Drumheller and witnessed a third degree conferred in excellent shape.

On February 19th, accompanied by a few of the Hanna Brethren, I made my official visit to Acadia Lodge No. 82 at Youngstown. The new Master-elect initiated two candidates in a very impressive way.

I very much regret that circumstances prevented my visiting Ionic Lodge No. 45 at Alix and St. Andrews No. 66 at Trochu.

All of the Lodges have been handicapped through their officers enlisting and as a result some of the Acting Secretaries and other officers are somewhat new to their work, but notwithstanding I find the books of the several Lodges to be kept in very good shape and the finances creditable.

I beg to thank the Brethren of District No. 9 for the very courteous receptions always accorded me and especially the Hanna Brethren for their very generous support. Hanna Lodge No. 78, being my home Lodge, my visits there were very frequent and their past Secretary was a very able one as the books and finances show.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. G. ODELL,

D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Athabasca, Alberta, May 1, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.
M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Freemasonry in the Tenth Masonic District.

I am pleased to report that Masonry in this District has made fair progress during the past year. I find the officers, almost without exception, proficient in their work and taking great interest in the affairs of the Lodge. The class of candidates being initiated into the Lodges is of the very best and will, no doubt, be heard from in the future history of the Order.

The work of the Secretaries has been fairly satisfactory. Returns have invariably been promptly made and the books of the Lodges are kept in a very creditable manner.

ACACIA LODGE No. 11, EDMONTON

On February 28 I made my official visit to this Lodge accompanied by R.W. Bro. H. Darling, S.G.W., and R.W. Bro. T. H. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M. We were received in due form. The Third Degree was conferred on five candidates by W. Bro. A. H. Church assisted by the Past Masters present. The work was well done and the candidates were proficient in their former work. I was much pleased with the excellent appearance of the books, for which much credit is due the former Secretary, Bro. R. J. Russell, and W. Bro. E. C. DeRousie, the present Secretary.

VICTORIA LODGE No. 13, FORT SASKATCHEWAN

I regret very much that I was unable to visit this Lodge, as it was inconvenient for them to call an emergency meeting at the time I appointed for my official visit to them. From the communications I have had from this Lodge I believe it to be doing fairly well.

VERMILION LODGE No. 24, VERMILION

On November 27 I visited this Lodge and was very cordially received by W. Bro. McKenzie and Bro. Long. The afternoon was spent in getting acquainted and examining the books of the Lodge. These I found in excellent condition. Owing to a wreck on the railway, the W.M. was not able to be present. I was pleased with the spirit of Fraternity and the effort of the members to make my visit most enjoyable.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 25, VEGREVILLE

On November 29th I made my official visit to St. John's Lodge and was very kindly welcomed by Brethren. As this Lodge is the only one, except my own, in this district that is doing the York Rite work, I had looked forward with a great deal of pleasure to this visit. The Third Degree was conferred in a manner which reflects great credit upon the Officers and Members of this Lodge. I found the books well kept and the Historical Register up-to-date. A splendid spirit of harmony and good-fellowship is manifest. I see no reason why this Lodge should not prosper and become a power for good in the community.

HOPE LODGE No. 38, MANNVILLE

On November 28, accompanied by Very Worshipful Bro. Fielding I visited Hope Lodge. In the afternoon I examined the books and found them well kept and up-to-date. I congratulate the Lodge on having so efficient a Secretary as Bro. Crooks. I was disappointed at not seeing any degree work given, but V.W. Bro. Fielding vouched for their proficiency in the work. This Lodge has had some misfortune in the past, but the outlook is very good now. I see no reason why they should not prosper.

EMPIRE LODGE No. 63, EDMONTON

On January 3rd I made a visit to this Lodge and witnessed the installation of officers. The ceremony was conducted by R.W. Bro. T. H. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M., in a very able manner. This Lodge is in good condition financially and otherwise and is fortunate in having a number of Past Masters who take a keen interest in the affairs of the Lodge. Their books are in good shape. The prospects for this Lodge are very bright.

TAWATINAW LODGE No. 71, ATHABASCA

This is the Lodge of which I am a member and I have attended nearly all of the meetings during the year. On May 1st I made my official visit and witnessed the conferring of the First Degree. The W.M. and officers did the work exceptionally well and take a great deal of interest in the work of the Lodge. The attendance is very good considering the small number of members at home. From a membership of thirty-nine, twelve have responded to the call of the Empire, and two have made the supreme sacrifice. The books are correctly kept. The Historical Register is not up-to-date, but the W.M. assured me that he would see that it was attended to at once.

NORWOOD LODGE No. 90

On February 26, accompanied by R.W. Bro. Darling and R.W. Bro. T. H. Wilson, I visited Norwood Lodge. The First Degree was conferred in a manner that reflected much credit on the W.M. and his officers. The books I found in excellent shape. The Historical Register is up-to-date and is well written. The Lodge is in good condition financially and otherwise, and has a good attendance every night.

LAMONT LODGE No. 94

On June 23rd I paid an official visit to this Lodge and assisted by R.W. Bro. T. H. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M. installed the officers. This Lodge has been granted a Charter at the recent convocation of Grand Lodge. I examined the books and Historical Register and found all correct and up-to-date. This Lodge, although a new one, seems to be well established and the Brethren working together in harmony and good fellowship. The prospects for the future are bright.

On November 26 I again visited this Lodge and saw the work exemplified in the First Degree in an impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. Trueman and his officers. The work would be a credit to a much older Lodge. On both of my visits I was received most cordially by the members and they have my sincere wishes for the future prosperity of the Lodge.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to the Lodges of the Tenth Masonic District for electing me to the office of D.D.G.M. and for the kind and fraternal manner in which I was received by them on my several visits. I bespeak for my successor the same courtesy and consideration that has been extended to me during my term of office. I shall always have a warm feeling for the Lodges of this District, and hope I may some time have the pleasure of visiting them unofficially.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

CHAS. A. DALLAS,
D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lethbridge, May 18, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

I beg to submit my official report as D.D.G.M. of District No. 11.

I have visited each Lodge in the district and in some cases more than once.

Special emphasis has been made on every occasion on the needs of the Patriotic Fund, the necessity of the Lodges clearing off outstanding dues, and the advisability of getting non-affiliated Masons to become members of the Lodge in their neighborhood.

The Lodges are endeavoring to put themselves in the best standing possible so that they can do their share in supporting the Grand Lodge Patriotic Fund and also meet their local claims for assistance.

So many members being overseas has placed an extra burden on those who cannot go, but realizing their responsibilities, they are keeping Masonry on a good level as well as keeping in touch with their absent Brethren and their dependents who remain at home.

A petition from Lomond has been forwarded to Grand Lodge for the institution of a Lodge at that place. It is being promoted by enthusiastic Masons who will make it a success if the M.W. the Grand Master grants their petition.

I would suggest that wherever possible the Secretary of a Lodge should be a Past Master and that he should be continued in office for a term of years.

NORTH STAR LODGE No. 4

I visited this Lodge on five different occasions. On November 26 the Past Masters exemplified the Third Degree, M.W. Bro. T. McNab acting as W.M. On December 27 a joint installation was held in Lethbridge, when I assisted R.W. Bro. J. T. Graham in the ceremony for North Star No. 4, Lethbridge No. 39, Diamond City No. 65, Charity No. 67. On March 11th this Lodge celebrated its 30th anniversary, when many old-time Masons were present and contributed of their experiences. At this meeting V.W. Bro. E. Oxland was invested as Grand Director of Ceremonies. My official visit was paid at a regular meeting on April 8th. The books and records are in first-class shape and credit is due this Lodge for the manner in which they have cleared off their financial burdens. The work is exceptionally well put on.

LETHBRIDGE LODGE No. 39

My visits to this Lodge were two, the official one being on November 15 when the Second Degree was exemplified in a creditable manner. The officers are capable and have put the Lodge funds in a better position. They had the misfortune to have three of their members killed in action. They have sustained a loss in the removal of R.W. Bro. J. T. Graham to Calgary. I had the honor of presenting him with Life Membership on his departure.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE No. 49

On April 25th I visited this Lodge when the Second Degree was conferred and R.W. Bro. A. E. Quayle was presented with the regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. The Master was absent through illness. This Lodge receives splendid support from R.W. Bros. McNaughton and Quayle. The Lodge books are in excellent shape and Masonry is thriving.

CHIEF MOUNTAIN LODGE No. 58

The installation of the officers of this Lodge took place on June 24th, when I was assisted by V.W. Bro. A. Hayes and W. Bro. R. Sang. The Lodge was depleted by a large number of members going overseas, but is getting on its feet again. The officers are being well supported by W. Bro. E. N. Barker. Their finances and books are in good shape and their future looks brighter.

DIAMOND CITY LODGE No. 65

On my visit to this Lodge, August 19th, I was accompanied by about 50 Brethren from Lethbridge, the officers from North Star conferring the Third Degree. The Lethbridge Brethren have recollections of many pleasant times as the North Star Lodge frequently helps out in conferring degrees. The Lodge is in good condition and Bro. T. N. Christie continues to carry out his duties as Secretary with great credit to the Lodge.

CHARITY LODGE No. 67

This is my home Lodge and I have attended every meeting, making an official visit on April 10th. The officers are capable and enthusiastic. The Master had good support from the Past Masters. Their finances are in good condition; outstanding dues are comparatively small and the future looks bright.

VULCAN LODGE No. 74

I visited this Lodge on April 23rd. No work was put on, the Master being away through illness in his family. The affairs of the Lodge are well cared for, the Past Masters being very active. This Lodge has the largest percentage in attendance of any Lodge in the District which speaks well for their enthusiasm. Their finances are in good shape.

CHAMPION LODGE No. 84

I visited this Lodge on May 2nd, when the Third Degree was conferred by the W. Master, who has his work well up. Their weakness is in the Secretaryship and accounts to a large extent for the amount of dues outstanding. I recommended a change in the Secretary as the present one seems to be too busy to give the necessary attention.

WARNER LODGE U.D.

This Lodge was instituted in October, when I was accompanied by M.W. Bro. T. McNabb, R.W. Bros. N. T. McLeod, J. T. Graham, B. B. Hoyt and J. H. Fleetwood along with a number of the Past Masters and members of North Star No. 4, Lethbridge No. 39 and Doric No. 31. I paid an official visit on April 25th, when the Second Third Degrees were conferred very creditably. This Lodge is justifying its existence and W. Bro. A. P. Veale is doing excellent work, being a Past Master, and is also well supported by the other officers.

In conclusion I have to thank the Brethren of District No. 11 for the able assistance they have given me and for the cordial welcome extended on my various visits.

Fraternally submitted,

A. WILLIAMSON,

D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edson, Alberta, May 11, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

In the year just ended I have made nine official visits to Lodges in District No. 12. I visited Wahpun Lodge at Grouard and installed the officers in January last. I found the members here very enthusiastic, some of them having to travel a distance of 20 miles to Lodge. This year they had the misfortune to lose several officers of the Lodge, who had to leave the district, but the Lodge continues to carry on.

At Peace River I found the nucleus of a good Lodge, but my train being late, I only had time to meet the Brethren and confer the P.M. Degree on W. Bro. A. Carlisle and W. Bro. M. E. Grimshaw. Wor. Bro. Col. Carstairs kindly accompanied me to Peace River. I must thank the officers and members of those northern Lodges for the kindness extended to me during my visit. Applications were received from Grande Prairie and Lake Saskatoon to form new Lodges and assented to. V.W. Bro. Col. Carstairs starting them on the way by request of the Grand Master. I have not received any word as to what they have been doing since.

All the Lodges in this District, No. 12, are in a flourishing condition generally, the work is done well and the books kept in

excellent condition. Every Lodge in this District has fire insurance on their property except one. I would like to see the average attendance increase in the City Lodges; it is not much more than ten per cent. of the membership. I believe a little more social intercourse would help to bring the members out and not too much degree work. I am glad to report that all the Lodges in District No. 12 have paid special attention to the Patriotic Fund. I would draw attention to the considerable sum of money shown as arrearages, viz., \$2273.25. Altogether 138 members are over 12 months in arrears of dues. This is not as it should be and I would suggest that Lodges make a special effort to clean this up.

I again wish to thank the officers and members of Lodges in District No. 12 for the many kind attentions shown me during my visit to the various Lodges.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

Wm. JELLIS,

D.D.G.M., Dist. No. 12.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28) and seconded by W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23), "That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters as presented be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Calgary, May 25th, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.
Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

I beg leave to report that the following is a faithful record of your Grand Treasurer's books from date February 1st, 1917, to January 31st, 1918.

Bank Balance—General Fund	
February 1, 1917, cash in Bank	\$ 3,609.46
Deposits	7,931.18
	\$11,540.64
Cheques issued	11,565.11
February 1st, 1918, overdraft	24.47
Debit balance per cash book	\$11.47
Outstanding cheque, No. 146	13.00
	24.47

Faithfully submitted,

THOMAS SHARPE,

Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28) and seconded by R.W. Bro. T. H. Wilson (63), "That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Calgary, Alberta, May 29th, 1918.

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Thirteenth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing an account of all Receipts and Expenditures for the financial year ending January 31st, 1918, also a Statement of the Investments and Loans made by Grand Lodge, and of the Assets and Liabilities as of that date. I also present a synopsis of the Returns of the several Lodges to Dec. 27th, 1917, together with a statement of Certificates and Charters issued; New Lodges formed; By-laws and amendments thereto approved; Dispensations issued; Grand Representatives appointed and all other official acts of the M.W. the Grand Master and all other transactions of this office for the past year.

Proceedings

Twelve hundred copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Certificates

In accordance with Section 58 (12) of the Constitution, Certificates were issued to all elected and appointed Officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 543 Master Masons' Certificates to Brethren raised during the year.

During the past year, six Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 81 Past Masters' Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

Charters

In compliance with the instructions of Grand Lodge, Charters were issued to the following Lodges and these Lodges were duly constituted and their Officers installed:

Symbol Lodge, No. 93 at Drumheller, in the Ninth Masonic District, constituted July 11th, 1917, by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Grand Master.

Lamont Lodge, No. 94, at Lamont in the Tenth Masonic District, constituted June 4th, 1917, by R.W. Bro. T. H. Wilson, P.D.D.G.M.

Kitchener Lodge at Rimby in the Fourth Masonic District was continued under Dispensation.

New Lodges

Albion Lodge, at Chauvin, in the Third Masonic District. Nine charter members. Dispensation issued June 16th, 1917. Harry Newell Freeman, W.M.; James Alex. Code, S.W.; Albert Colin Gifford, J.W. Instituted June 30th, 1917, by R. W. Bro. David McIntosh, P.D.D.G.M.

Dynamic Lodge, at Holden, in the Third Masonic District, Twelve charter members. Dispensation issued June 16th, 1917. Charles H. Ballard, W.M.; William E. Hayes, S.W.; Herbert J. Armistage, J.W.; Instituted July 2nd, 1917, by R. W. Bro. David McIntosh, P.D.D.G.M.

Hand Hill Lodge, at Delia, in the Ninth Masonic District, Eighteen charter members. Dispensation issued July 9th, 1917. Duncan Hugh Campbell, W.M.; John Percy McBeath, S.W.; George Eddy Kennedy, J.W. Instituted August 22nd, 1917, by R.W. Bro. J. G. Odell, D.D.G.M.

Mount Moriah Lodge, at Sibbald, in the Ninth Masonic District, Eleven charter members. Dispensation issued Aug. 1st, 1917. Charles L. Wilson, W.M.; David G. Shannon, S.W.; Harry M. Ball, J.W. Instituted Sept. 4th, 1917, by R. W. Bro. J. G. Odell, D.D.G.M.

Warner Lodge at Warner, in the Eleventh Masonic District. Twelve Charter Members. Dispensation issued September 8th, 1917. Albert P. Veale, W.M.; Montgomery Caldwell, S.W.; G. Clinton Raitt, J.W. Instituted Sept. 27th, 1917, by R.W. Bro. A. Williamson, D.D.G.M.

West Edmonton, at West Edmonton, in the Third Masonic District, Twenty-four charter members. Dispensation issued Sept. 28th, 1917. Charles Ernest Long, W.M.; Walter Oakley Coulman, S.W.; Charles Fraser Bishop, J.W. Instituted Oct. 3rd, 1917, by R.W. Bro. David McIntosh, P.D.D.G.M.

Edgerton Lodge, at Edgerton, in the Third Masonic District, Ten charter members. Dispensation issued Sept. 28th, 1917. George L. Morrow, W.M.; Walter D. Murdock, S.W.; David Milne, J.W. Instituted Oct. 27th, 1917, by R.W. Bro. David McIntosh, P.D.D.G.M.

Foremost Lodge, at Foremost, in the Second Masonic District. Fourteen charter members. Dispensation issued October 18th, 1917. John G. Robertson, W.M.; Joseph John Watson, S.W.; Britton Wright, J.W. Instituted Nov. 9th, 1917, by R.W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher, D.D.G.M.

Oyen Lodge, at Oyen, in the Ninth Masonic District, Twenty charter members. Dispensation issued January 16th, 1918. O. F. Kirkpatrick, W.M.; Harry McDonald, S.W.; George A. Dunlop, J.W. Instituted Feb. 5th, 1918, by R. W. Bro. J. G. Odell, D.D.G.M.

Grande Prairie Lodge, at Grande Prairie, in the Twelfth Masonic District, Fifteen charter members. Dispensation issued January 19th, 1918. James Bowes Oliver, W.M.; James McFarlane, S.W.; Chas. W. Gough, J. W. Instituted January 30th, 1918, by V. W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs.

Lake Saskatoon Lodge at Lake Saskatoon in the Twelfth Masonic District, Sixteen charter members. Dispensation issued January 19th, 1918. William Stanley Percy, W.M.; Ralph Wright Thompson, S. W.; William Harry Watts, J.W. Instituted February 1st, 1918, by V. W. Bro. W. F. W. Carstairs.

BY-LAWS

The M.W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the By-laws of the following Lodges:

Bow River, No. 1	Aug.	17, 1917
Ashlar No. 28	Sept.	19, 1917
Symbol, No. 93	Dec.	22, 1917
Hanna, No. 78	May	2, 1918

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Strathcona, No. 77	June	9, 1917
Edson, No. 68	June	25, 1917
Tawatinaw, No. 71	July	17, 1917
Mount Lebanon, No. 54	Oct.	5, 1917
Alberta, No. 3	Nov.	9, 1917
Spitzie, No. 6	Nov.	20, 1917
Vermilion, No. 24	Jan.	5, 1918
Cascade, No. 5	Jan.	8, 1918
Commercial, No. 81	April	3, 1918
Ionic, No. 45	April	12, 1918
Commercial, No. 81	April	12, 1918
Britannia, No. 18	April	25, 1918
Hope, No. 38	May	16, 1918
Champion, No. 84	May	25, 1918

DISPENSATIONS

To Wear Regalia at Divine Service

Stavelly, No. 33	June	7, 1917
Provost, No. 61	June	7, 1917
Coronation, No. 72	June	12, 1917
Mountain View, No. 16	June	12, 1917
Beaver, No. 56	June	13, 1917
Fidelity, No. 76	June	16, 1917
Crescent, No. 87	June	18, 1917
North Star, No. 4	June	18, 1917
Bow Island, No. 64	June	19, 1917
Vermilion, No. 24	June	19, 1917
Star of the est.	June	19, 1917
Lethbridge, No. 39	June	25, 1917
Gleichen, No. 36	July	25, 1917
Strathcona, No. 77	Aug.	20, 1917
Acacia, No. 11	Aug.	20, 1917
Kitchener, U. D.	Oct.	3, 1917
Cairo, No. 32	Dec.	11, 1917

To Elect and Instal Out of Time

Comet, No. 50	June	7, 1917
Strathmore, No. 53	Dec.	22, 1917
Camrose, No. 37	Jan.	5, 1918
Symbol, No. 93	Jan.	21, 1918
Ionic, No. 45	Jan.	31, 1918
Wahpun, No. 88	Feb.	19, 1918
Saskatchewan, No. 92	April	8, 1918
Bow River, No. 1	May	27, 1918

To Hold Special Installations

St. Andrew's, No. 66-----	July	6, 1917
Zetland, No. 83-----	Dec.	7, 1917
King Solomon, No. 41-----	Dec.	10, 1917
Calgary, No. 23-----	Dec.	10, 1917
Tawatinaw, No. 71-----	Dec.	12, 1917
Alberta, No. 3-----	Dec.	15, 1917
Unity, No. 51-----	Dec.	15, 1917
Bow Island, No. 64-----	Dec.	17, 1917
Grassy Lake, No. 57-----	Dec.	17, 1917
Empire, No. 63-----	Dec.	18, 1917
Ashlar, No. 28-----	Dec.	21, 1917
Bassano, No. 55-----	Dec.	24, 1917
Crescent, No. 87-----	Dec.	27, 1917
Brooks, No. 73-----	Dec.	31, 1917
Champion, No. 84-----	Dec.	31, 1917
Robert Burns, No. 49-----	Dec.	31, 1917
Camrose, No. 37-----	Jan.	3, 1918
Fidelity, No. 76-----	Jan.	4, 1918
Victoria, No. 13-----	Jan.	5, 1918
Wahpun, No. 88-----	Jan.	5, 1918
Crossfield, No. 48-----	Jan.	8, 1918
Tuscan, No. 43-----	Jan.	9, 1918
Stavely, No. 33-----	Jan.	9, 1918
Morning Star, No. 79-----	Jan.	17, 1918
Suffield, No. 85-----	Jan.	24, 1918
Langdon, No. 52-----	Feb.	12, 1918

To Hold Special Elections

Stavely, No. 33-----	Nov.	6, 1917
Alberta, No. 3-----	Nov.	9, 1917
Crossfield, No. 48-----	Nov.	15, 1917
Vulcan, No. 74-----	Nov.	17, 1917
Victoria, No. 13-----	Nov.	17, 1917
Bow Island, No. 64-----	Nov.	22, 1917
Joppa, No. 40-----	Nov.	29, 1917
Doric, No. 31-----	Nov.	29, 1917
Robert Burns, No. 49-----	Dec.	7, 1917
King Hiram, No. 21-----	Dec.	8, 1917
Sentinel, No. 26-----	Dec.	11, 1917
Eureka, No. 10-----	March	8, 1918

To Confer Degrees Out of Time

Patricia, No. 91-----	June	19, 1917
Ashlar, No. 28-----	July	24, 1917
Bow River, No. 1-----	Oct.	18, 1917
Robert Burns, No. 49-----	Oct.	20, 1917
North Star, No. 4-----	Oct.	20, 1917
Symbol, No. 93-----	Nov.	7, 1917
Edson, No. 68-----	Dec.	1, 1917
Robert Burns, No. 49-----	March	18, 1918
Jasper, No. 14-----	April	12, 1918

Bow River, No. 1-----	April	22, 1918
Cascade, No. 5-----	April	23, 1918
Warner, U. D.-----	April	27, 1918
Crossfield, No. 48-----	April	30, 1918
Empire, No. 63-----	April	29, 1918
Unity, No. 51-----	May	2, 1918
Empire, No. 63-----	May	2, 1918
Sentinel, No. 26-----	May	4, 1918
Buffalo Park, No. 44-----	May	8, 1918
St. Andrew's, No. 66-----	May	10, 1918
Cairo, No. 32-----	May	13, 1918

To Initiate Candidate Under Twenty-one Years of Age

Empire, No. 63-----	April	29, 1918
Empire, No. 63-----	May	2, 1918

To Change Night of Regular Meeting

Edmonton, No. 7-----	June	9, 1917
Vermilion, No. 24-----	Dec.	11, 1917

To Initiate Without Full Residence Qualification

St. John's, No. 25-----	Aug.	20, 1917
Bow River, No. 1-----	Sept.	22, 1917
Lethbridge, No. 39-----	Jan.	22, 1918

Incorporation of Local Lodges

Certificates as required by the Grand Lodge Act of Incorporation were issued to the following Lodges to enable them to secure incorporation under this Act, viz:

Doric Lodge, No. 31-----	June	18, 1917
Brooks Lodge, No. 73-----	Feb.	6, 1918
Apollo Lodge, No. 27-----	Mar.	7, 1918
Suffield Lodge, No. 85-----	Mar.	18, 1918
Peace River Lodge, No. 89-----	May	16, 1918.

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Nova Scotia the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. F. W. Harris, of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Texas, the M.W. the Grand Master has appointed W. Bro. David Doole, Jr., of Brady, Texas, our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Upon the recommendation of the M.W. the Grand Master of Alberta, the following Brethren were commissioned as Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of Alberta, for the undermentioned Grand Lodges:

Cuba—R.W. Bro. David McIntosh, Edmonton.
 Saskatchewan—R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Argue, Calgary.
 South Dakota—R. W. Bro. W. L. Ouimette, Coleman.
 Texas—R. W. Bro. Walter G. Lowry, Leduc.

The following Special Committees were appointed by the Grand Master:

Grand Master's Address

M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Chairman.
 M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald. M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop

Grand Secretary's Report

R.W. Bro. D. McIntosh, Chairman.
 R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin. R.W. Bro. W. L. Ouimette

Grand Lodge Library

R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue, Chairman.
 R.W. Bro. J. G. Odell R. W. Bro. A. E. Quayle

Fraternal Dead

R.W. Bro. Thomas Sharpe, Chairman.
 R.W. Bro. W. J. Seed. R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm

Auditors

W. Bro. Wm. Ireland. V.W. Bro. A. J. Davis

MEMBERSHIP

Increase

Membership December 27th, 1916-----		7,514
Initiated -----	574	
Passed -----	523	
Raised -----	492	
Joined -----	314	
Reinstated -----	34	922
Total increase -----		8,436

Decrease

Dimitted -----	203	
Suspended, N.P.D. -----	158	
Suspended, U.M.C. -----		
Died -----	91	452
Total membership, December 27th, 1917 -----		7,984
Net increase -----		470

Returns, Etc.

With very few exceptions the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges have been accurate and prompt in the discharge of their duties. Nine have failed to send notices of their meetings to the office of the Grand Secretary. These notices are filed and are a source of valuable in-

formation. Fifty per cent. of these officers are Past Masters. It is to be hoped that the number of such may increase in future years.

Accounts are generally being promptly met and the amount of ledger balances is considerably less than that of the former year. Over one-half of these amounts have been paid since February 1st, of this year.

It is also a noteworthy fact that our Returns show that not a single member has been suspended for Unmasonic Conduct.

Our net increase is over 6% of the total membership on Jan. 1st, 1917, and nearly 40% greater than that of the previous year.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,

Grand Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Grand Secretary in Account with Grand Lodge.

Moneys received between February 1st, 1917 and January 31st, 1918.

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River -----	\$ 79.75	30.	Summit -----	40.95
2.	Medicine Hat ----	135.15	31.	Doric -----	72.75
3.	Alberta -----	158.50	32.	Cairo -----	43.80
4.	North Star -----	168.85	33.	Stavely -----	55.25
5.	Cascade -----	117.15	34.	Star of the West --	29.50
6.	Spitzie -----	75.35	35.	Mizpah -----	76.65
7.	Edmonton -----	202.25	36.	Gleichen -----	86.55
8.	Innisfail -----	25.75	37.	Camrose -----	45.90
9.	Perfection -----	208.40	38.	Hope -----	31.70
10.	Eureka -----	70.00	39.	Lethbridge -----	70.25
11.	Acacia -----	126.20	40.	Joppa -----	12.65
12.	Red Deer -----	114.70	41.	King Solomon ----	22.20
13.	Victoria -----	73.55	42.	Bowden -----	15.00
14.	Jasper -----	125.55	43.	Tuscan -----	41.75
15.	Wetaskiwin -----	64.20	44.	Buffalo Park -----	33.00
16.	Mountain View ---	20.15	45.	Ionic -----	25.00
17.	Nanton -----	81.95	46.	Palestine -----	51.95
18.	Britannia -----	40.50	47.	Chinook -----	44.10
19.	Cornerstone -----	95.15	48.	Crossfield -----	66.12
20.	Carstairs -----	19.50	49.	Robert Burns -----	62.75
21.	King Hiram -----	54.75	50.	Comet -----	26.75
22.	Corinthian -----	63.70	51.	Unity -----	195.80
23.	Calgary -----	79.15	52.	Langdon -----	8.90
24.	Vermilion -----	40.00	53.	Strathmore -----	99.60
25.	St. John's -----	96.60	54.	Mount Lebanon --	138.75
26.	Sentinel -----	46.25	55.	Bassano -----	39.30
27.	Apollo -----	85.45	56.	Beaver -----	45.50
28.	Ashlar -----	107.35	57.	Grassy Lake -----	36.60
29.	Kenilworth -----	44.50	58.	Chief Mountain --	62.75

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
59.	King George -----	81.35	91.	Patricia -----	182.75
60.	Acme -----	96.00	92.	Saskatchewan ----	47.20
61.	Provost -----	77.35	93.	Symbol -----	109.50
62.	Coal -----	19.00	94.	Lamont -----	88.00
63.	Empire -----	72.95		U.D. Kitchener -----	5.00
64.	Bow Island -----	58.00		U.D. Dynamic -----	25.00
65.	Diamond City ----	73.75		U.D. Albion -----	79.10
66.	St. Andrews -----	30.50		U.D. Hand Hill -----	51.25
67.	Charity -----	37.40		U.D. Mount Moriah --	25.00
68.	Edson -----	79.40		U.D. Warner -----	71.65
69.	Connaught -----	28.75		U.D. West Edmonton -	67.40
70.	Quarry -----	46.15		U.D. Edgerton -----	64.15
71.	Tawatinaw -----	40.15		U.D. Foremost -----	-----
72.	Coronation -----	45.70		U.D. Oyen -----	25.00
73.	Brooks -----	78.50		U.D. Grande Prairie --	-----
74.	Vulcan -----	66.30		U.D. Lake Saskatoon --	25.00
75.	Harmony -----	16.75		Nemiscam -----	25.00
76.	Fidelity -----	140.05		Masonic District No. 8.	68.00
77.	Strathcona -----	171.35		Masonic District No. 12	68.25
78.	Hanna -----	126.75		Sundry Accounts -----	.50
79.	Morning Star -----	39.70		Interest, War Bonds --	44.96
80.	Excelsior -----	19.50			
81.	Commercial -----	187.90			\$7,702.73
82.	Acadia -----	84.70		Hillcrest Relief -----	34.01
83.	Zetland -----	154.45		Can. Lodge Hospital --	25.00
84.	Champion -----	23.75		A.M.H. & S. Fund ----	946.10
85.	Suffield -----	20.75			
86.	Rocky Mountain --	142.95			\$8,707.84
87.	Crescent -----	115.10		Patriotic Relief Fund,	
88.	Wahpun -----	51.20		Less Exc. \$1.10 -----	2,204.17
89.	Peace River -----	87.25			
90.	Norwood -----	114.50		Total -----	\$10,912.01

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS

February 1st, 1917, to January 31st, 1918.

Feb.	8	Deposit -----	\$239.50	Aug.	14	" -----	330.50
Feb.	15	" -----	210.90	Aug.	27	" -----	252.52
Mar.	7	" -----	219.35	Sept.	14	" -----	67.20
Mar.	21	" -----	54.15	Sept.	29	" -----	120.15
Mar.	23	" -----	97.95	Oct.	5	" -----	201.75
Mar.	26	" -----	97.15	Oct.	29	" -----	58.00
Apr.	4	" -----	58.40	Nov.	16	" -----	44.96
Apr.	16	" -----	97.80	Nov.	24	" -----	134.20
Apr.	24	" -----	80.15	Nov.	27	" -----	92.60
Apr.	30	" -----	73.85	Dec.	8	" -----	81.50
May	16	" -----	43.65	Dec.	24	" -----	98.75
June	4	" -----	21.20		1918		
June	23	" -----	81.30	Jan.	9	" -----	671.25
July	4	" -----	278.40	Jan.	19	" -----	682.25
July	12	" -----	275.80	Jan.	23	" -----	257.10
July	16	" -----	245.30	Jan.	29	" -----	742.70
July	25	" -----	453.45	Jan.	31	" -----	314.65
July	27	" -----	413.25				
July	31	" -----	342.00				
Aug.	1	" -----	397.55				

Total Deposits, General
Fund ----- \$7,931.18

CASH RECEIPTS

February 1st, 1917, to January 31st, 1918

Initiation Fees	\$ 1,164.00
Grand Lodge Dues	3,630.60
M. M. Certificates	1,073.50
P. M. Certificates	76.00
L. M. Certificates	6.00
L. M. Fees	30.00
Charters	115.00
Dispensations	534.00
Stock	964.52
Exchange	19.15
Fines, Delayed Returns	45.00
Canada Lodge Field Hospital	25.00
Interest, War Bonds	44.96
Total General Fund	8,707.84
Hillcrest Relief Fund	34.01
Alberta Masonic Home and School Fund	946.10
	<u>\$8,939.44</u>

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Books and Stationery	\$ 682.50
Expense	611.49
Fixtures	202.63
Insurance	117.35
Rent	396.00
Salaries	2,000.00
Postage, Express, etc.	200.09
Printing	1,412.40
Regalia	124.35
Grants charged to Lodges	25.00
Telephone, etc.	65.16
Benevolent Grants	3,512.35
Investments and Loans	2,172.71
Interest on Overdrafts, etc.	43.08
Total Cheques issued	<u>\$11,565.11</u>

BANK BALANCE—GENERAL FUND

Feb. 1st, 1917—Cash in Bank -----	\$3,609.46
Deposits -----	7,931.18
	<u>\$11,540.64</u>
Cheques issued -----	11,565.11
Feb. 1st, 1918—Overdraft -----	24.47
Debit balance per Bank Book -----	\$11.47
Outstanding Cheque, No. 146 -----	13.00
	<u>24.47</u>

ALBERTA MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL FUND

Feb. 1st, 1917—Cash in Savings Account -----	\$ 519.43
Interest, J. T. Macdonald -----	700.00
Interest, War Loan -----	13.06
Interest, Geo. Gee -----	204.00
Interest, Savings Bank -----	29.04
	<u>1,465.53</u>
Less: Invested in War Loan -----	500.00
Feb. 1st, 1918—Cash in Savings Account -----	965.53

HILLCREST RELIEF FUND

Feb. 1st, 1917—Cash in Savings Account -----	\$1,012.22
Interest, War Loan -----	26.12
Interest, Savings -----	7.89
Loan, Current Account -----	150.00
Less: -----	<u>\$1,196.23</u>
Apr. 16, 1917—Invested in War Loan -----	\$1,000.00
Nov. 21, 1917—Sentinel Lodge -----	150.00
	<u>1,150.00</u>
Feb. 1st, 1918—Cash in Savings Account -----	46.23

CANADIAN VOLUNTARY FIELD HOSPITAL FUND

Feb. 1st, 1917—Balance at Credit -----	\$ 170.00
Grand Prairie -----	25.00
Feb. 1st, 1918—Balance at Credit -----	<u>195.00</u>

PATRIOTIC RELIEF FUND RECEIPTS

February 1st, 1917, to January 31st, 1918.

No.	Lodge	Amount
2.	Medicine Hat -----	\$ 55.00
3.	Alberta -----	60.50
11.	Acacia -----	100.00
13.	Victoria -----	34.00
14.	Jasper -----	5.25
25.	St. John's -----	44.75
33.	Stavely -----	71.00
39.	Lethbridge -----	5.00
45.	Ionic -----	19.00
50.	Comet -----	25.00
54.	Mount Lebanon -----	20.50
57.	Grassy Lake -----	65.00
59.	King George -----	141.80
64.	Bow Island -----	145.90
65.	Diamond City -----	45.05
67.	Charity -----	50.00
68.	Edson -----	108.50
76.	Fidelity -----	69.00
77.	Strathcona -----	35.00
78.	Hanna -----	50.00
83.	Zetland -----	100.00
84.	Champion -----	100.00
	District No. 3 -----	212.00
	E. T. Bishop -----	496.25
	C. E. Hersey -----	10.00
	Kelley & McCarthy -----	9.00
	S. A. Sollid -----	25.00
	Interest, War Loan -----	78.36
	Interest, Savings Bank -----	24.41
		<u>\$2,205.27</u>

GRAND LODGE PATRIOTIC RELIEF FUND STATEMENT

Feb. 1st, 1917—Cash in Savings Account -----	\$3,125.31
Receipts, 1917 -----	\$2,205.27
Less Exchange -----	1.10
Net Deposits -----	<u>2,204.17</u>
	5,329.48
Less: Invested in War Loan -----	<u>3,991.07</u>
Feb. 1st, 1918—Cash in Savings Account -----	\$1,338.41

STATEMENT OF VOUCHERS ISSUED

February 1st, 1917 to January 31st, 1918.

No.	Name	Amount
1.	Albertan Publishing Co., Ltd., Printing -----	\$ 467.30
2.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary, Postage, etc. -----	200.36
3.	Mrs. McClelland, Benevolent Grant -----	15.00
4.	D. O. McHugh, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35.00
5.	J. Macpherson, Wages -----	5.00
6.	Office Specialty Co., Office Furniture, etc. -----	28.80
7.	Remington Typewriter Co., Cleaning and Repairs -----	10.25
8.	Star Printing Works, Printing -----	15.65
9.	J. Irwin Co., Benevolent Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	13.40
10.	D. O. McHugh, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Swanson -----	10.00
11.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary and Expense Account -----	187.70
12.	Office Specialty Co., Furniture and Supplies -----	151.05
13.	Mrs. Swanson, Benevolent Grant -----	10.00
14.	D. O. McHugh Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35.00
15.	Mrs. McClelland, Benevolent Grant -----	15.00
16.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Wages -----	5.00
17.	Whitaker, Anderson & Co., Benevolent Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	36.00
18.	Star Printing Works, Books and Printing -----	105.50
19.	Bank of Nova Scotia, Subscription War Loan -----	650.00
20.	Calgary Bookbinding Co., Ltd., Mailing Tubes -----	4.00
21.	Campbell & Tait, Rent, Elma Block -----	99.00
22.	Dickenson, Stamp -----	.80
23.	J. Irwin Co., Benevolent Fund, Mrs. McClelland -----	22.65
24.	J. D. McAra, Books -----	225.00
25.	Mrs. McClelland, Benevolent Grant -----	15.00
26.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary and Expense Account -----	177.75
27.	D. O. McHugh, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35.00
28.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Wages -----	5.00
29.	C. S. Newcombe, Shelving for Vault -----	6.98
30.	Office Specialty Co., Stationery -----	51.75
31.	Mrs. Swanson, Benevolent Grant -----	10.00
32.	E. T. Bishop, Grand Master, Travelling Expense -----	100.00
33.	Minister of Finance, War Loan -----	1,072.71
34.	Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia -----	47.85
35.	J. Irwin Co., Benevolent Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	13.30
36.	J. D. McAra, Books -----	66.00
37.	Mrs. McClelland, Benevolent Grant -----	15.00
38.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary, Postage, etc. -----	188.85
39.	D. O. McHugh, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35.00
40.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Wages -----	5.00
41.	Office Specialty Co., Stationery -----	38.70
42.	Security Trust Co., Insurance -----	117.35
43.	Star Printing Works, Books and Stationery -----	14.75
44.	Mrs. Swanson, Benevolent Grant -----	10.00
45.	Calgary Electric Co., Ltd., Fixtures -----	8.30
46.	Campbell Floral Co., Wreath -----	10.00
47.	J. Irwin Co., Benevolent Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	10.90
48.	Linton Bros., Books and Stationery, etc. -----	10.92
49.	Mrs. McClelland, Benevolent Grant -----	15.00
50.	Geo. Macdonald, Salary, Postage and Express -----	179.50
51.	D. O. McHugh, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35.00
52.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Wages -----	5.00

No.	Name	Amount
53.	F. E. Osborne, Safety Box -----	7.50
54.	Mrs. Swanson, Benevolent Grant -----	10.00
55.	Whitaker, Anderson & Co., Benevolent Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	36.00
	War Tax Cheque -----	.02
56.	W. M. Connacher, Grand Master, Travelling Expense--	100.00
57.	J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Charters -----	6.00
58.	J. D. McAr, Binding Letter Files -----	6.00
59.	Sherwood Fowler Co., Binding Records -----	1.25
60.	Star Printing Co., Printing -----	121.90
61.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Wages -----	5.00
62.	Campbell & Tait, Rent, Elma Block -----	99.00
63.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage, etc. -----	179.37
64.	D. O. McHugh, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35.00
65.	Mrs. McClelland, Benevolent Grant -----	15.00
66.	Mrs. Swanson, Benevolent Grant -----	10.00
67.	National Council, Y.M.C.A., Military Service, Grant --	1,000.00
68.	D. McIntosh, Expenses, Instituting Chauvin U.D. ----	13.35
69.	W. A. Bateman, Railway fare to Grand Lodge -----	10.35
70.	M. C. Wright, Railway fare to Grand Lodge -----	9.25
71.	P. Fielding, Railway fare to Grand Lodge -----	12.80
72.	G. L. Graham, Railway fare to Grand Lodge -----	9.25
73.	Samuel Harris, Railway fare to Grand Lodge -----	28.25
74.	C. H. Ballard, Railway fare to Grand Lodge -----	11.15
75.	Star Printing Works, Printing, etc. -----	758.75
76.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage, etc. -----	189.71
77.	Deputy Minister of Telephones, Rent Telephone -----	9.75
78.	J. Irwin Co., Benevolent Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	13.40
79.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Wages -----	5.00
80.	Mrs. McClelland, Benevolent Grant -----	15.00
81.	D. O. McHugh, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35.00
82.	Mrs. Swanson, Benevolent Grant -----	10.00
83.	J. D. Mackenzie, Railway fare to Grand Lodge -----	13.35
84.	W. J. Seed, Railway fare to Grand Lodge -----	13.20
85.	Robert Moss, Railway fare to Grand Lodge -----	9.25
86.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Wages -----	5.00
87.	Mrs. Swanson, Benevolent Grant -----	10.00
88.	D. O. McHugh, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35.00
89.	Mrs. McClelland, Benevolent Grant -----	15.00
90.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage, etc. -----	177.68
91.	W. F. Peers, Fee for Dispensation returned -----	25.00
92.	Perfection Lodge, Grant, Mrs. Wright -----	300.00
93.	J. E. Hutchins, Rent of Hall, Banff -----	25.00
94.	Deputy Minister of Telephones, Rent Telephone -----	8.50
95.	F. E. Osborne, Books -----	12.75
96.	R. L. Gunn, Books -----	50.25
97.	J. Irwin Co., Benevolent Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	40.35
98.	Star Printing Works, Stationery and Printing -----	62.75
99.	D. O. McHugh, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	35.00
100.	Mrs. McClelland, Benevolent Grant -----	15.00
101.	Mrs. Swanson, Benevolent Grant -----	10.00
102.	J. Macpherson, Janitor, Wages -----	5.00
103.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Expense -----	191.91
104.	Perfection Lodge, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Wright ----	40.00
105.	Linton Bros., Supplies -----	5.52
106.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage and Express -----	193.41

No.	Name	Amount
107.	Masonic Relief Association, Fees -----	37.77
108.	D. O. McHugh, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	17.50
109.	Mrs. McClelland, Benevolent Grant -----	15.00
110.	Mrs. Swanson, Benevolent Grant -----	10.00
111.	J. Irwin Co., Benevolent Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	13.53
112.	J. E. Strouther, Janitor, Wages -----	5.00
113.	Deputy Minister of Telephones, Rent Telephone -----	8.50
114.	C. J. Campbell & Co., Rent, Elma Block -----	99.00
115.	Star Printing Works, Printing -----	24.00
116.	Dominion Regalia Co., Regalia -----	76.50
117.	Calgary Furniture Store, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Eddington -----	4.19
118.	Mrs. Walker, Benevolent Grant -----	25.00
119.	D. McIntosh, Expenses Instituting Edgerton Lodge, U.D. -----	12.70
120.	Robert Walker, Fare, Mrs. Macdonnell, Benevolent Grant -----	45.00
121.	Loan, Hillcrest Relief Fund -----	150.00
122.	Mrs. E. Whitlock, Loan -----	300.00
123.	Deputy Minister of Telephones, Rent Telephone -----	4.25
124.	F. E. Osborne, Books -----	12.25
125.	J. E. Strouthers, Janitor, Wages -----	5.00
126.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary and Postage -----	177.38
127.	J. Irwin Co., Benevolent Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	14.95
128.	Mrs. Swanson, Benevolent Grant -----	10.00
129.	Mrs. McClelland, Benevolent Grant -----	15.00
130.	D. O. McHugh, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	17.50
131.	Trustees of Wright Estate, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Wright -----	40.00
132.	Bank of Nova Scotia, Subscription Halifax Relief -----	1,000.00
133.	Mrs. Walker, Benevolent Grant -----	20.00
134.	W. J. S. Walker, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Walker -----	14.00
135.	D. O. McHugh, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Weir -----	17.50
136.	Mrs. McClelland, Benevolent Grant -----	15.00
137.	Mrs. Swanson, Benevolent Grant -----	10.00
138.	J. Irwin Co., Benevolent Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	13.93
139.	Security Trust Co., G. M. Expenses, Telegrams and Telephone -----	15.46
140.	Canada Fine Art Co., Expense -----	50.25
141.	J. E. Strouther, Janitor, Wages -----	5.00
142.	Star Printing Works, Books and Stationery -----	74.40
143.	S. Y. Taylor, Salary, Postage, etc. -----	189.01
144.	Mrs. Walker, Benevolent Grant -----	20.00
145.	W. J. S. Walker, Benevolent Grant, Mrs. Walker -----	7.00
146.	M. G. Cardell, Railway fare to Grand Lodge -----	13.00
147.	C. J. Campbell & Co., Rent, Elma Block -----	99.00
148.	Deputy Minister of Telephones, Rent, etc. -----	7.20
149.	A. M. Terrill, Ltd., Wreath -----	15.00
150.	Linton Bros., Books and Stationery -----	11.45
151.	J. Irwin Co., Benevolent Grant, Mrs. McClelland -----	13.28
152.	Tweedie & McGillivray, Fees, etc., Mrs. McLelland's property -----	50.20
153.	S. Y. Taylor, Postage and Express -----	11.29
154.	Bank of Nova Scotia, Interest on Overdrafts and Telegram -----	43.08
Total Vouchers issued -----		\$11,565.11

LEDGER BALANCES

As at January 31st, 1918

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
1.	Bow River -----	\$ 83.60	58.	Chief Mountain -----	.25
2.	Medicine Hat -----	.25	61.	Provost -----	.90
3.	Alberta -----	177.15	62.	Coal -----	61.90
4.	Cascade -----	.45	63.	Empire -----	1.05
7.	Edmonton -----	.15	66.	St. Andrews -----	.20
8.	Innisfail -----	1.00	67.	Charity -----	1.95
10.	Eureka -----	4.55	68.	Edson -----	.45
11.	Acacia -----	.35	69.	Connaught -----	.90
12.	Red Deer -----	.30	71.	Tawatinaw -----	.20
13.	Victoria -----	.05	72.	Coronation -----	3.05
16.	Mountain View --	2.05	73.	Brooks -----	2.40
18.	Britannia -----	.20	74.	Vulcan -----	2.80
19.	Cornerstone -----	.05	75.	Harmony -----	.60
20.	Carstairs -----	.20	76.	Fidelity -----	52.45
21.	King Hiram -----	3.15	77.	Strathcona -----	.30
22.	Corinthian -----	.95	79.	Morning Star -----	2.15
23.	Calgary -----	57.40	80.	Excelsior -----	1.70
24.	Vermilion -----	10.00	81.	Commercial -----	1.75
25.	St. John's -----	2.70	84.	Champion -----	29.05
29.	Kenilworth -----	1.20	85.	Suffield -----	33.20
30.	Sunmit -----	75.70	88.	Wahpun -----	1.35
31.	Doric -----	35.75	89.	Peace River -----	18.30
33.	Stavely -----	7.90	92.	Saskatchewan -----	.15
34.	Star of the West --	.95	93.	Symbol -----	2.15
36.	Gleichen -----	2.80	94.	Lamont -----	8.05
37.	Camrose -----	.15	U.D.	Dynamic -----	40.10
39.	Lethbridge -----	12.90	U.D.	Albion -----	1.50
40.	Joppa -----	.15	U.D.	Hand Hill -----	13.80
41.	King Solomon -----	3.40	U.D.	Mount Moriah -----	35.00
43.	Tuscan -----	1.60	U.D.	Warner -----	4.50
44.	Buffalo Park -----	51.85	U.D.	West Edmonton --	.45
45.	Ionic -----	2.30	U.D.	Edgerton -----	9.00
46.	Palestine -----	10.25	U.D.	Foremost -----	34.40
48.	Crossfield -----	2.30	U.D.	Oyen -----	35.60
50.	Comet -----	.50	U.D.	Grande Prairie -----	60.60
51.	Unity -----	2.60	U.D.	Lake Saskatoon --	35.60
52.	Langdon -----	18.50	District No. 7-----	28.40	
53.	Strathmore -----	2.00	District No. 8-----	135.10	
55.	Bassano -----	.80	District No. 11-----	15.66	
56.	Beaver -----	2.90	Sundry Small Acc. ---	32.10	
57.	Grassy Lake -----	72.00	Total -----	\$1,362.11	

CREDIT BALANCES

As at January 31st, 1918

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
6.	Spitzie -----	.05	70.	Quarry -----	1.55
26.	Sentinel -----	.65	82.	Acadia -----	13.10
27.	Apollo -----	.30	83.	Zetland -----	4.70
38.	Hope -----	.75	86.	Rocky Mountain --	3.80
42.	Bowden -----	5.05	90.	Norwood -----	.25
47.	Chinook -----	.10	91.	Patricia -----	.15
49.	Robert Burns -----	.15		Nemiscam -----	25.00
60.	Acme -----	1.00		District No. 9 -----	.25
64.	Bow Island -----	.45		District No. 12 ----	.25
65.	Diamond City -----	7.25			
				Total -----	\$ 64.80

INVESTMENT AND LOAN ACCOUNT

Alberta Masonic Home and School Fund:

Mortgage, J. T. Macdonald, bearing 8% interest	\$3,000.00
Mortgage, J. T. Macdonald, bearing 8% interest	4,000.00
Mortgage, Geo. Gee, bearing 8% interest	2,500.00
War Loan, bearing 5% interest	500.00
	<u>\$10,000.00</u>

Patriotic Fund:

War Loan, bearing 5% interest	\$3,000.00
War Loan, bearing 5½% interest	991.07
	<u>3,991.07</u>

Hillcrest Relief Fund:

War Loan, bearing 5% interest	1,000.00
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Current Account:

War Loan, bearing 5% interest	\$1,722.71
Loan, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitlock	300.00
Loan, Hillcrest Relief Fund	150.00
	<u>2,172.71</u>
	\$17,163.78

INTEREST ACCOUNT

As at January 31st, 1918

Mortgage	Amount	Accrued Interest
J. T. Macdonald -----	\$3,000.00	\$268.27
J. T. Macdonald -----	4,000.00	443.16
Geo. Gee -----	2,500.00	143.33
War Loans -----	7,500.00	144.59
		<u>\$999.35</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at January 31st, 1918.

Assets

General Fund:

Books and Stationery in Stock -----	\$ 815.25
Ceremonials, etc., in Stock -----	197.35
Certificates, etc., in Stock -----	285.75
Office Furniture and Fixtures -----	1,184.00
Regalia -----	270.00
Due from Subordinate Lodges -----	1,362.11
War Loans -----	1,722.71
Loans, General -----	450.00
Accrued Interest on War Loan -----	37.46
	<u>\$ 6,324.63</u>

Alberta Masonic Home and School Fund:

Mortgages, J. T. Macdonald -----	\$7,000.00
Mortgage, Geo. Gee -----	2,500.00
War Loan -----	500.00
Accrued Interest on Mortgages -----	854.76
Accrued Interest on War Loan -----	10.88
Cash in Savings Bank -----	965.53
	<u>\$11,831.17</u>

Patriotic Relief Fund:

War Loan -----	3,991.07
Accrued Interest on War Loans -----	74.48
Cash in Savings Bank -----	1,338.41
	<u>5,403.96</u>

Hillcrest Relief Fund

War Loan -----	1,000.00
Accrued Interest on War Loan -----	21.77
Cash in Savings Bank -----	46.23
	<u>1,068.00</u>
	<u>\$24,627.76</u>

LIABILITIES

Canada Lodge Hospital Fund -----	\$ 195.00
Lodge Credit Balances -----	64.80
Bank Account, General Fund -----	24.47
Hillcrest Relief Fund (Loan from General Acc't) --	150.00
	<u>434.27</u>

Surplus of Assets over Liabilities ----- \$24,193.49

S. Y. TAYLOR,

Audited and found correct:

Grand Secretary.

WM. IRELAND.

A. J. DAVIS.

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

I respectfully present my Annual Report as your Librarian for the past year, during which the following additions have been made to the Library:—

Cloth Bound Proceedings Donated:—

North Carolina, 1917
Georgia, 1917
Iowa, 1917
Kentucky, 1917
Mississippi, 1917
Ohio, 1917
Oklahoma, 1917
Oregon, 1917
Texas, 1917
West Virginia, 1917

Copies of Proceedings of all recognized Lodges.

Publications Donated:—

The Masonic Chronicler
The American Freemason
The Builder
The Masonic Sun
The Freemason

THANKS

We extend our sincere thanks and assurance of our deep appreciation to all those who have donated valuable additions to our Library.

BOOKS PURCHASED

The following books have been purchased during the past year:—

The History of Freemasonry (7 vols.) by Dr. A. G. Mackey
The Spirit of Freemasonry, by William Hutchinson.
Concise History of Freemasonry, by R. F. Gould.
Signs and Symbols (12 lectures), by Dr. Geo. Oliver.
The Tradition, Origin and Early History of Freemasonry,
by A. T. C. Pierson and G. W. Stienbrenner.
Masonic Parliamentary Law, by Dr. A. G. Mackey.
History of Initiation, by Dr. Geo. Oliver.
Antiquities of Freemasonry, by Dr. Geo. Oliver.
The Builders, by Joseph Fort Newton.
The Mission of Masonry, by Madison C. Peters.

LIBRARY ROOM

The Library room is open every week day and the Brethren throughout the Jurisdiction are cordially invited to make the greatest possible use of the same.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Your Librarian begs to recommend that steps be taken to institute a circulating travelling library, in order that the greatest possible encouragement and assistance may be given to Masonic students throughout the Province to develop the intellectual side of Freemasonry.

Fraternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR,
Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. T. Rankine (1) and seconded by W. Bro. A. McRae (1), "That the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Lodge Library."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Edmonton, May 29th, 1918.

To the M.W. the Grand Master and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

The Board of General Purposes desires to report that on May 31st, 1917, at the town of Banff, a meeting was held at which the appointment of members to the various sub-committees was made for the ensuing year.

An Emergent meeting of the Board was held in the office of the Grand Secretary on December 7th, 1917, to determine what financial assistance should be given to the sufferers of the Halifax disaster. This meeting was called at the request of the M.W. the Grand Master.

Owing to the urgency of the case it was impracticable to notify every member of the Committee. The Grand Secretary communicated by telephone with the Vice-President of the Board and through him to the other members of the Committee residing in the City of Edmonton. R.W. Bro. Darling replied, stating that all the members he had been able to confer with were agreeable to the transmission of \$1000.00 for immediate relief. Whereupon it was unanimously resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. Thomas Sharpe (23), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs (1), "That the sum of One Thousand Dollars be telegraphed to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia for purposes of immediate relief in connection with the Halifax disaster. The following lettergram was despatched:—

Calgary, Dec. 7th, 1917.

J.C. Jones, Esq.,
Assistant Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,
A. F. & A. M.,
Halifax, Canada.

The Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Alberta extend deepest sympathy in the great sorrow and loss sustained by your city. Have wired through Bank of Nova Scotia, One Thousand Dollars for general relief through your Grand Lodge.

S. Y. TAYLOR,
Grand Secretary.

The Board again met in the city of Edmonton on May 28th, 1918, when all matters for consideration were distributed to the proper sub-committees and will appear in the reports presented by them.

It was further resolved on motion of M.W. Bro. W. M. Conacher (9), seconded by Rt. W. Bro. A. Williamson (67), "That a sub-committee of this Board consisting of M.W. Bro. Bishop, M.W. Bro. Hogbin, Rt. W. Bro. Kemmis and R.W. Bro. Stewart prepare an outline of the objects and draft rules and regulations for the administration of the Masonic Patriotic Relief Fund for presentation and adoption by Grand Lodge."

Fraternally submitted,

H. DARLING,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14) and seconded by R.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Edmonton, May 29th, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report that no matter has been submitted to them for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

G.H. HOGBIN.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), "That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Edmonton, May 29th, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee beg to report that the only matter referred to them was an Appeal from Mountain View Lodge No. 16, for a remission of the fine imposed in accordance with the Constitution for not making their Semi-annual Returns on time. They gave as their reason that the Secretary of the Lodge was seriously ill at that time.

Your Committee would point out that the Lodge Secretary is responsible to his Worshipful Master and Lodge for the performance of his duties but with respect to the conduct of the Lodge and making returns and reports to Grand Lodge, responsibility rests upon the Worshipful Master, and failing him, the Senior and Junior Wardens.

In this case it appears to the Committee that it was the direct duty of the Worshipful Master to see that the work of the Secretary, who was seriously ill, was carried on, and returns and reports were duly and properly made even if he had to do them himself, therefore, your Committee considers that the fine should not be remitted.

Fraternally submitted,

J. KEMMIS, Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), and seconded by R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry wish to submit the following report:—

We have examined in detail the reports submitted by the District Deputy Grand Masters and find the following worthy of note:—

Most progress seems manifest in the Districts where Lodges of Instruction have been held. We know of no one thing that seems to show better results for the effort expended than well handled Lodges of Instruction. We would like to earnestly urge on all the Districts and Deputies in charge, the importance of this method of instruction and social uplift.

Perhaps your Committee should mention and we do so in all kindness, an apparent hesitation on the part of some of the Deputies to make criticisms and suggestions where evidently much needed.

The average attendance throughout the Jurisdiction is about the same as last year, and we would again suggest efforts on the part of Lodge Officers, looking toward the development of the Social and instructive phases of Masonic effort.

Your Committee congratulates the members of Grand Lodge on the increased givings for Charitable purposes over last year. The contributions to the Masonic Patriotic Relief Fund so far have been very good in some quarters, but the effort has not been general, nor on a basis that can be continued. Much efficient work must be done before the Fund assumes the necessary proportions.

We are pleased with the apparent success of the different Lodges in reducing the outstanding arrears of dues since last year and we would urge upon the new District Deputy Grand Masters the necessity of continued vigilance in this respect. The collection of arrears is also a matter for the constant care of Masters and Secretaries of all Subordinate Lodges.

We are glad to see the number of Lodges not carrying insurance reduced, but we have still thirteen without this necessary protection. May we again direct the attention of the D.D.G.M.'s to the importance of this matter.

We are of the opinion that where Lodge fail to meet at least once in each month, this fact constitutes good evidence that the Charter is either not appreciated or not necessary at that point. We do not desire to go further than to state that there are several instances of such apparent indifference in the Jurisdiction.

Last year we advised the newly elected D.D.G.M.'s, for their own information, to secure from their predecessors in office, a copy of the Report on the Condition of Masonry for their several Districts. We repeat this suggestion.

Your Committee would recommend the formation of a new Masonic District in the North, embracing the Lodges situated at Grouard, Peace River, Grand Prairie and Lake Saskatoon.

We have much pleasure in recommending the following Brethren for the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master: R.W. Bro. T. A. Dunsmore (5), R.W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher (70), R.W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins (81), R.W. Bro. Finlay Watson (15), R.W. Bro. W. G. Reid (79), R.W. Bro. Wm. Cochrane (40), R.W. Bro. G. F. Butler (53), R.W. Bro. Geo. Pattinson (26), R.W. Bro. J. G. Odell (78), R.W. Bro. C. A. Dallas (71), R.W. Bro. A. Williamson (67), R.W. Bro. W. Jellis (68).

In closing we would like to congratulate the Grand Lodge on the applications for twelve new charters, all of which seem worthy.

We also look with pride on the Lodges who have the names of a large proportion of their members on their Honour Rolls. Unity Lodge No. 51 has 78, Acacia Lodge No. 11 has over 60 and Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71 has 12 out of a total membership of 39.

We have no doubt there are other Lodges with equally good showings but they have not been brought to our attention. The war burden is still with us and we believe the members of our Craft are not shirking their full share of the responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

H. DARLING,
J. WATSON YOUNGE,

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37) and seconded by R.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.
M.W. Sir and Members of Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence begs leave to report as follows:—

Some of the opportunities for observation and comparison, which travel affords, come to your Committee on Foreign Correspondence. We see how our Brothers of other Jurisdictions view things, how they deal with problems which all meet. The result is, or should be, that unfounded opinions and biased or prejudiced attitudes of mind disappear in degree at least, and again labor becomes its own reward.

Your Committee craves the charity of this Grand Lodge as well as other Jurisdictions, because this is new work for us. We recommend that the request from the "Grand Lodge of Panama" for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Alberta be not granted. The constituent Lodges in Panama composing this "Grand Lodge" received their warrants from the "Supreme Council" of Venezuela which authority was of similar origin from Spain, where again, a "Supreme Council" was the source of authority. Thus it would seem that one of the basic requirements, that of Grand Lodge warrant, or authority, is lacking in this case. We quote from report of F.C. Committee of N.J. re a similar request made by the "Supreme Council" of the Argentine, of Grand Lodge of Alabama:—

"The Supreme Council (Scottish Rite) of the Argentine Republic had requested fraternal recognition and exchange of representatives. It was declined and we are of the opinion that the letter of advice sent its Secretary General by the Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee will be of valuable service in correcting the erroneous impressions often held by Supreme Councils of the Scottish Rite in Latin America. The alleged National Grand Lodge in France was denied recognition. Both upon reports submitted by Brother Oliver D. Street, whose first review of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges is interesting."

The first report to reach our hand was that of the "York Grand Lodge of Mexico." It is a small book of 93 pages and is their 57th Annual Communication, held in Mexico City, April 5th, 1917.

M.W. Bro. S. Motta, Grand Master.

M.W. Bro. W. A. White, Grand Secretary.

On page 83 of this report I learned that our own Grand Lodge of Alberta had postponed indefinitely recognition of this Grand Lodge: "on account of the unsettled conditions in Mexico." Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended this action, also that recognition be given to the "National Independent and Regular Grand Lodge of France, and of the French Colonies." You followed both recommendations. Your present committee is of the opinion that conditions in France are "Unsettled,"—very much so and have been so for almost four years.

We also recommend that recognition be withdrawn from this so-called Grand Lodge of France, at once, and without ceremony. This body has but two or three small Lodges in its allegiance. Its foundation is recent and by one Ribancourt, who left the ranks of the Grand Orient of France two or three years ago and immediately organized this so-called Grand Lodge. One naturally wonders at hasty recognition, extended to a very small, new organization, which makes such extensive claims. French Masons fight for us and with us. They have proved themselves real brothers in time of need. The recognition extended to this new French body from England was by one "Pro. Grand Master" alone. It has not been generally recognized, and there is every evidence that it will not now receive further recognition. On the other hand, there is a very strong current toward re-adjustment with the Grand Orient of France. We further recommend that encouragement be given this move, even to the extent of granting their request for recognition, if this Grand Lodge can so decide. In support of this recommendation, we would refer to the reports of the special committee on the subject by other Grand Lodges, especially Utah and our own sister Jurisdiction, Manitoba.

Your Committee would recommend that a special committee be appointed to consider these four recommendations and report at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

H. DARLING,

E. H. MALCOLM.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91) and seconded by R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm (91), "That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

The M.W. the Grand Master subsequently appointed the following as Members of said Committee:

R.W. Bro. H. H. Gaetz, Chairman.

V.W. Bro. W. F. W. Lent.

R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm.

W. Bro. W. N. Condell.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

The M.W. the Grand Master intimated to the Members that this afternoon at 4 o'clock he would proceed with the election of Officers for the ensuing Masonic year.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:15 o'clock p.m.

First Day = = Afternoon Session

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT

M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Grand Master; Grand Officers and Grand Representatives.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

The financial statements are presented herewith and show the Grand Lodge to be in good financial standing. The books of the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary, have been audited, and all accounts paid, have been inspected and approved by your Committee. The question of Securities and the interest on the same is dealt with in the Auditor's Report.

Tenders were invited and received for printing the Book of Constitutions, Ceremonials and Proceedings, and the work awarded to the lowest tender.

As only a few Lodges have taken advantage of Grand Lodge, paying their travelling expenses of their Representatives to the Annual Communication, it is recommended that Grand Lodge discontinue paying the travelling expenses.

We recommend that the clause in the Auditor's report recommending the financial statement, includes an operating account, to show the exact annual profit or loss on operation.

That the Statement of Vouchers issued be continued as heretofore in the Financial Report, with the exception that the Benevolent Grants only show initials instead of names in full.

We also recommend that Grand Lodge appoint a Chartered Accountant, as a permanent Auditor, and that his remuneration be left to the Finance Committee.

(Signed)

W. M. CONNACHER,

H. D. R. STUART,

J. H. ARGUE.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83) and seconded by W. Bro. A. V. Bilton (23), "That the report of the Finance Committee be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Edmonton, May 29th, 1918.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Benevolence beg to report that during the past year, several applications for assistance were received, and after careful investigation, dealt with, as the cases deserved.

The total amount dispersed for benevolence by Grand Lodge, during the year, was \$3512.00, this includes special grants, which were made to the Y.M.C.A. and Halifax of \$1000.00 each.

Your Committee recommend that the private Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction, be requested to assume a greater measure of responsibility in cases presented to Grand Lodge for Benevolence, and, when application be made to Grand Lodge, for assistance, a statement of the amounts so expended, by the Subordinate Lodges accompany it.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. ARGUE,
J. ELLIOTT,
W. H. HATCHER.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83) and seconded by R.W. Bro. J. Elliott (2), "That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND NEW LODGES

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A.M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

We, your Committee on Charters, beg to report as follows:—

We have carefully examined the books of the following Lodges under dispensation, and with the exceptions as noted have found them in especially good order.

Kitchener Lodge at Rimbey.
Albion Lodge at Chauvin.
Hand Hills Lodge at Della.
Mount Moriah Lodge at Sibbald.
West Edmonton Lodge at Edmonton.
Edgerton Lodge at Edgerton.
Foremost Lodge at Foremost.
Oyen Lodge at Oyen.
Grand Prairie Lodge at Grand Prairie.
Warner Lodge at Warner.
Lake Saskatoon Lodge at Lake Saskatoon.
Dynamic Lodge at Holden.

Oyen, Dynamic and Mount Moriah Lodges have not yet written a copy of their Dispensations in their Minute Book, nor had their members signed the By-laws in the Historical Register.

Mount Moriah and Lake Saskatoon Lodges have not brought their Historical Registers quite up-to-date.

Lake Saskatoon Lodge did not turn in their Attendance Register, but as your Committee has the assurance of the Grand Secretary that they have one, we presume it is being properly handled.

We would recommend that the Past Masters of Eureka and Britannia Lodges be asked to visit Kitchener Lodge as often as possible, as they have no Past Masters in that Lodge.

We would respectfully recommend to the respective Masters, Secretaries and District Deputy Grand Masters in charge of these Lodges, that these matters receive immediate attention.

We recommend that Charters be issued all these Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

J. WATSON YOUNGE,
Chairman.

W. G. LOWRY,
H. D. R. STEWART,
A. WILLIAMSON.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34), "That the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Edmonton, May 29th, 1918.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee are glad to note the satisfactory advances made during the year as evidenced by the granting of eleven Dispensations for New Lodges. We cordially agree with the view of the M.W. Grand Master that the broadest possible latitude should be exercised in granting Dispensations to disabled returned veterans, applicants for the Degrees. In respect to Ruling No. 2, regarding application of candidates of alien enemy birth, your Committee is of opinion that no application for membership from a person of alien enemy birth, not a British subject, should be entertained by any Lodge during the war.

We note with much approval the promptitude with which the M.W. the Grand Master acted in wiring relief to Halifax (he who gives quickly gives twice.)

We commend the earnest and unremitting efforts of the M.W. Grand Master in keeping before the members of the Craft the needs and importance of the Masonic Patriotic Relief Fund, and we are pleased to note the increased interest being taken by the members in this work.

Fraternally submitted,

J. KEMMIS,
E. T. BISHOP.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the report of the Grand Lodge Librarian beg to report as follows:—It is indeed gratifying that a number of very interesting and instructive works have been added to the Library since last Grand Lodge Communication, which, if placed within the reach of the Craft throughout the Jurisdiction, would no doubt create a greater interest in and better knowledge of our Ancient Institution.

We, therefore, beg to recommend that in accordance with the suggestion of the Grand Lodge Librarian, steps be taken to institute a Travelling Library, consisting of sets of books, Standard Works on Masonry, to be circulated on request to the Grand Secretary.

To further this laudible scheme, your Committee recommend that a grant of \$150.00 be made by Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodge Library.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. ARGUE,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. G. Odell (78), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Lodge Library be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S
REPORT.

Edmonton, May 22th, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on the Report of the Grand Secretary beg to submit the following:—

Your Committee find the report of the Grand Secretary a most complete and concise statement of the work required to be done by that Officer and we congratulate him on the care and attention he has given to this report.

Your Committee note with pleasure the progress made by the Grand Lodge in the matter of increased membership, dispensations issued for new Lodges, and the very prosperous condition of our finances.

Your Committee note that a few Lodges in the Jurisdiction have failed to send notices of their meetings to the office of the Grand Secretary and we would recommend that Secretaries of all Lodges send notices of their Lodge meetings to the Grand Secretary in future.

We note the number of Master Masons' certificates issued for Brethren raised during the year, also that Charters were issued to two Lodges working under dispensation, and we especially congratulate Grand Lodge on the fact that eleven new Lodges were instituted during the year which shows the great progress that Masonry has made in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Your Committee feel it their duty to congratulate the Grand Lodge and the Brethren of the Jurisdiction upon the efficient service rendered Grand Lodge by our Grand Secretary. His work has been a model of accuracy and neatness, and all his duties have been performed faithfully and conscientiously.

Fraternally submitted,

D. McINTOSH, Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. D. McIntosh (51), seconded by R.W. Bro. E. J. Flavin (59), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

FRATERNAL DEAD

Edmonton, May 29, 1918.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Wardens and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Fraternal Dead beg to submit the following report.

As we are gathered together again in annual communication we note that the grim reaper, death, has exacted his usual toll from our ranks during the past year. From our own Lodges we are called upon to record the death of 89 of our Brethren, of whom 45 have made the great sacrifice on the battlefields of Europe. Sister Jurisdictions mourn the loss of twenty-four Grand Lodge Officers, of whom no less than twenty-two were sitting or Past Grand Masters.

Most of those who have gone from us from the ranks of civil life had reached their allotted span and departed full of years and honor.

"God grant we may rest as sweetly
When our work like theirs is done."

Those who have given their lives on the field of battle, have laid down their working tools in the full strength of their manhood. They have, in a very real sense, given their lives for their ideals and for us. We mourn for them, but we are proud of them. May the Supreme Ruler of the Universe make us worthy of them and in some small sense worthy of their sacrifice, because

"To you from falling hands we throw
The Torch—be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields."

We all must die. Shall we live again? Rather should we say, shall we go on living? Shall we continue our existence? This question has always been one of the greatest interest to all people of all time. The teaching of Freemasonry is very clear on this point.

"There is no death! What seems so is transition." Transition from the life we are now living with all its mistakes, its misunderstandings, its tragedies; to another and higher life, where we believe we will know each other better and appreciate each other more, where we hope to have a clearer vision of what life really means, where we may expect to have a better insight into the mind of the Great Architect of the Universe, and where we hope to be able to do very much better some of the things we have been trying to do here below. And so life should gain in value when we think of it in the light of Eternity. A little more otherworldliness should help us to live better here. We should be able to do our duty a little better in the seen if we keep in mind the standards of the Unseen. We might be a little kinder to each other here. We might be a little more ready to overlook the little faults of our brother and a little more willing to think that, even if he does not see things as we do, he is just as earnestly trying to do his duty as we are ours.

We must occasionally think of death but it is of much more importance that we think rightly about living. We cherish the memory of our departed Brethren in our hearts. Their faults and their errors and their imperfections, common to all men living, are forgotten; we remember only their virtues, their kindnesses, their generous impulses and all their splendid qualities of

mind and heart. Let us remember, too, that our living Brothers, while they have the same faults, possess also the same virtues, and as we go along let us try to make the road a little brighter, the load a little lighter and life a little sweeter for every one whose life we touch.

Your Committee recommends that suitable recognition of our departed Brethren be made by setting apart special pages in our proceedings to be inscribed in memory of these our Brothers who have gone before us a little way.

Fraternally submitted,

E. H. MALCOLM, Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), "That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted."

AUDITORS' REPORT

Calgary. May 27, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

In accordance with your instructions we have conducted a thorough audit of the books of the Grand Secretary for the year ending January 31, 1918, and beg to report as follows:

The books we found to have been kept in a neat and efficient manner and in accordance with the system followed for some years. We would recommend that a double entry system be installed, which would give a better account of operating expenses for each year, as well as showing all additions to capital, etc.; the books at present in use can be altered to this system with very little additional cost.

The Financial Statement presented annually to Grand Lodge should be revised, and we would recommend the following as giving all the necessary information to every member of Grand Lodge:—

An Operating Account showing the annual revenue accruing to Grand Lodge and the annual expenditure or the cost of maintaining our institution.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements in abstract form.

Balance Sheet showing Assets and Liabilities and additions to capital.

Statement showing the Balances due by the various Lodges.

We are of the opinion that the present practice of showing Cash Receipts and Disbursements in detail should be discontinued as we consider it is not in the spirit of Masonry to publish the names of those to whom we may give charity and we would strongly recommend that this be left out of this year's proceedings.

We have verified the various funds of Grand Lodge and found same to be in order; the several bank accounts have been reconciled.

The Securities have been examined by us and found to be in order; **interest** on the securities are somewhat in arrears. The **Taxes** on the Macdonald Mortgages have been allowed to go in arrears for three years, and in one case the City of Calgary sold a Tax Certificate against 1915 taxes.

We would commend to the attention of Grand Lodge the desirability of having the books audited annually by a professional accountant, with whom the Grand Secretary could confer from time to time, should occasion arise.

Faternally submitted,

Wm. IRELAND, C.A.,

A. J. DAVIS, Auditors.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), "That the report of the Auditors be received and, except as to the recommendations contained therein, be adopted."

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC FUND FOR
MASONIC DEPENDENTS**

Edmonton, May 29th, 1918.

To the M.W. Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.
M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

In accordance with the Resolution passed by Grand Lodge at its last Convocation, the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, appointed a Committee of twelve members to take charge of the Patriotic Fund for Masonic Dependents.

Circular letters setting forth particulars of the Fund were sent to every Lodge in the Jurisdiction. By this means, and by the personal visits and letters of members of the Committees, an endeavour was made to enlist the sympathy of the Brethren in the effort to raise the necessary funds. Some districts were more thoroughly canvassed than others, and while it was evident that there was a general willingness to contribute to the Fund,

the Contributions do not appear to have shown an equality of effort or ability by the Lodges. Some of the Lodges, however, did not get this work organized till much later than others, and while some have completed their contributions for the year, others have sent in only portions of what they hope to contribute, and are still collecting. Other Lodges again have raised contributions for this purpose of rather large amounts, which have not yet been turned over to the Fund. The total amount received since Feb. 1, 1917, is over \$13,000.00.

All of this money has been paid in to the Fund at par, without deduction for exchange or costs of operation.

Fraternally submitted,

E. T. BISHOP, Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), "That the report of the Patriotic Relief Fund Committee be received and adopted."

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES ON THE MASONIC PATRIOTIC RELIEF FUND

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee begs to recommend as follows:

1. That the Fund at present shown in the books and accounts of the Secretary and the Treasurer of Grand Lodge as the "Masonic Patriotic Relief Fund," be hereafter designated the "Masonic Great War Fund," and that the rules and regulations governing its administration be as follows:—

RULES AND REGULATIONS

BENEFICIARIES OF THE FUND

(a) Masons who, having been on active service in the Allied Forces during the Great War, are in need in consequence thereof;

(b) Widows or children of Masons who have died whilst on active service or as a result thereof, in the Allied Forces during the Great War;

(c) Any other relative mainly dependent on a Mason who has died whilst on active service, or as a result thereof, in the Allied Forces during the Great War.

ADMINISTRATORS OF THE FUND

(a) The Administration of the Fund shall be in the hands of a Committee of seven members, consisting of:—

1. A Permanent Chairman, whose appointment shall be annually confirmed by Grand Lodge;
2. Two members appointed annually by him;
3. Two members appointed annually by the Grand Master;
4. Two members elected annually by Grand Lodge;

A majority of the Committee shall form a quorum.

(b) The Administrators of the Fund shall render to Grand Lodge at its annual communication a complete statement of their transactions during the previous year.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND

(a) The Capital of the Fund, which shall include all subscriptions by Lodges or individuals, gifts or bequests, for the purposes thereof, shall be invested by the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge in Government securities only;

(b) The Interest accruing from time to time, shall be at the disposal of the Administrators of the Fund, for the purposes as hereinbefore set out, at their discretion;

(c) No portion of the capital of the Fund shall be disbursed or loaned by the Administrators, except by instructions, in each specific case, from Grand Lodge, in annual communication;

(d) The Administrators of the Fund shall appoint annually a District Committee in each Masonic District, consisting of five members, of which the D.D.G.M. for the time being shall be one. Three members shall form a quorum;

(e) The names and addresses of the District Committee shall be posted in some prominent place in every Lodge room in their respective Districts;

(f) The Duties of the District Committees shall be:—

1. To receive all applications for assistance from the Fund in their respective Districts;
2. To investigate fully all such applications;
3. To forward all applications and all documents and correspondence in connection therewith to the Chairman of the Administrators, with a full report in detail of their investigations, together with their recommendations in the case;
4. To report to the Chairman of the Administrators in March and September of each year, on every case in their District, to which assistance is being given, in order that proper precautions may be taken to prevent the Funds from being diverted from their intended use;
5. To interest the Craft at all proper occasions in the importance of this Fund in accordance with instructions and suggestions sent out from time to time by the Grand Master or the Administrators of the Fund.

In submitting the above draft Rules and Regulations, the Committee beg to submit the following for consideration:—

1. The Committee recommend the appoint of M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, as Permanent Chairman of the Administrators of the Fund, subject to the Annual Confirmation of Grand Lodge;

2. The Committee desires to impress upon the members of Grand Lodge and of the Craft in the Jurisdiction that the demands upon a Fund of this character will undoubtedly develop very rapidly in the near future, and the scope of those needs is practically illimitable. Therefore, the necessity of continuity of effort is paramount, and success in the discharge of this Patriotic Masonic Duty can be attained only by repeated and persistent effort;

3. We commend the suggestions of M.W. Bro. Connacher, in his original letter as to available methods of raising funds. These have been adopted in several cases with conspicuous success in some of the smallest Lodges in the Jurisdiction;

4. The ultimate goal of these endeavours should be the completion of such a Capital Fund as will provide an income large enough to prevent any Mason in this Jurisdiction from avoidable suffering in consequence of his having performed his Duty to his King and Country; to protect his widow from distress or deprivation; to secure to his orphan children those educational and other advantages which he himself might have given them and to take care that his aged and other natural dependents shall receive such care as he himself would have provided for them.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. HOGBIN,
J. KEMMIS,
H. D. R. STEWART.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), "That the report be received and adopted."

The following were elected members of said Committee by Grand Lodge: R.W. Bro. J. H. Kemmis (6) and R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37). The following were appointed by M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Chairman: M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9) and Bro. S. E. James (91).

The following were appointed by M.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling, Grand Master: R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83) and W. Bro. Lorne Muir (7).

Resolved, on motion of W. Bro. F. R. Falconer (71), seconded by W. Bro. A. H. Church (11), "That a Committee consisting of R.W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins (81), R.W. Bro. C. A. Dallas (71), R.W. Bro. Thos. H. Wilson (63) and R.W. Bro. Wm. Jellis (68) be appointed to rearrange Districts Three, Ten and Twelve and report at this session of Grand Lodge.

This Committee subsequently presented the following report:

Edmonton, May 29th, 1918.

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brother:—

We, your Committee appointed to consider the re-arrangement of Districts Nos. 3, 10 and 12, beg leave to recommend the following:—

- (1) That District No. 3 consist of the following Lodges:
Edmonton, No. 7.
Star of the West, No. 34.
Unity, No. 51.
Commercial, No. 81.
Buffalo Park, No. 44.
Palestine, No. 46.
Connaught, No. 69.
Dynamic, No. 96.
Albion, No. 97.
Edgerton, No. 102.
- (2) That District No. 10 consist of the following Lodges:
Acacia, No. 11.
Empire, No. 63.
Norwood, No. 90.
Victoria, No. 13.
Vermilion, No. 24.
St. John's, No. 25.
Hope, No. 53.
Tawatinaw, No. 71.
Lamont, No. 94.
- (3) That District No. 12 consist of the following Lodges:
Jasper, No. 14.
Strathcona, No. 77.
Patricia, No. 91.
Edson, No. 68.
Saskatchewan, No. 92.
West Edmonton, No. 101.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. H. WILSON,
Wm. JELLIS,
CHAS. A. DALLAS,
J. B. HAWKINS.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by W. Bro. M. C. Wright (91), "That the report of the Committee on Re-distribution of Districts Three, Ten and Twelve be received and adopted."

GRAND LODGE REPRESENTATIVES

The Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges present were duly received and welcomed by the M.W. the Grand Master and fraternal greetings exchanged.

MOTIONS

The following motion of which notice was given at the last Annual Communication was moved by R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37), and seconded by R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34), "That Section Eleven of the Constitution be amended to read, "That the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge shall be held on the Second Wednesday in the month of June." Motion carried.

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83), "That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send on behalf of this Grand Lodge a telegram of sympathy to M.W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario), in his present serious illness."

Resolved, on motion of M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin (1), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That the Grand Secretary be instructed to proceed with the drafting of a Revised Constitution and Ceremonials as soon as possible. That for his assistance the Grand Master be requested to appoint a Committee of Three in the City of Calgary and that the Finance Committee be authorized to provide the necessary clerical assistance. That the present Committees on the Constitution and Ceremonials be requested to transmit the result of their work so far to the Grand Secretary and be discharged. That, when the draft is completed, copies shall be sent to all the Subordinate Lodges and not less than six weeks thereafter a special session of Grand Lodge be held to consider and adopt the same."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83), seconded by R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), "That for the purpose of securing uniformity of work in the various Lodges throughout the Province M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9) and M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28) be appointed Custodians of the work."

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), seconded by W. Bro. E. S. Clow (83), "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Brethren of the City of Edmonton for the use of their Lodge Room and for the many courtesies extended by them during this Annual Communication."

PLACE OF MEETING

It was unanimously agreed that the City of Calgary be the place of meeting for our next Annual Communication.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The time having arrived for the election of officers, the M.W. the Grand Master appointed M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin and M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, a Board of Scrutineers.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
AND RECEPTION**

To the M.W. Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Sir and Brethren:—

Your Committee on Credentials and Reception beg to report that the various Lodges named in the attached schedule are entitled to the representation in Grand Lodge therein enumerated opposite their respective numbers and names.

We find:

1. That there are 18 Lodges represented by Proxy, and 22 not represented.

2. That the number of regular votes is 350.

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1.	Bow River -----	3	--	--	5	--	8
2.	Medicine Hat -----	3	--	--	2	--	5
3.	Alberta -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
4.	North Star -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
5.	Cascade -----	--	--	--	--	3	3
6.	Spitzie -----	--	--	--	1	--	1
7.	Edmonton -----	--	--	3	5	--	8
8.	Innisfail -----	3	--	--	3	--	6
9.	Perfection -----	--	--	3	1	--	4
10.	Eureka -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
11.	Acacia -----	2	--	1	--	--	3
12.	Red Deer -----	3	--	--	1	--	4
13.	Victoria -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
14.	Jasper -----	--	3	--	3	--	6
15.	Wetaskiwin -----	--	3	--	2	--	5
16.	Mountain View -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
17.	Nanton -----	2	1	--	--	--	3
18.	Britannia -----	--	--	3	2	--	5
19.	Cornerstone -----	3	--	--	1	--	4
20.	Carstairs -----	3	--	--	1	--	4
21.	King Hiram -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
22.	Corinthian -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
23.	Calgary -----	3	--	--	2	--	5
24.	Vermilion -----	1	1	1	3	--	6
25.	St. John's -----	2	1	--	1	--	4
26.	Sentinel -----	3	--	--	3	--	6
27.	Apollo -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
28.	Ashlar -----	3	--	--	3	--	6
29.	Kenilworth -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
30.	Summit -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
31.	Doric -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
32.	Cairo -----	--	--	--	1	3	4
33.	Stavely -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
34.	Star of the West -----	--	--	--	1	3	4

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
35.	Mizpah -----	--	--	--	2	3	5
36.	Gleichen -----	--	--	--	--	3	3
37.	Camrose -----	--	--	--	4	3	7
38.	Hope -----	--	--	--	1	3	4
39.	Lethbridge -----	--	--	--	1	3	4
40.	Joppa -----	--	--	--	2	3	5
41.	King Solomon -----	--	--	--	1	--	1
42.	Bowden -----	--	3	--	--	--	3
43.	Tuscan -----	--	--	--	1	--	1
44.	Buffalo Park -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
45.	Ionic -----	--	--	--	2	3	5
46.	Palestine -----	--	--	3	1	--	4
47.	Chinook -----	--	--	--	1	3	4
48.	Crossfield -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
49.	Robert Burns -----	--	--	--	1	3	4
50.	Comet -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
51.	Unity -----	3	--	--	4	--	7
52.	Langdon -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
53.	Strathmore -----	3	--	--	1	--	4
54.	Mount Lebanon -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
55.	Bassano -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
56.	Beaver -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
57.	Grassy Lake -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
58.	Chief Mountain -----	--	--	--	--	3	3
59.	King George -----	3	--	--	1	--	4
60.	Acme -----	3	--	--	1	--	4
61.	Provost -----	--	--	--	2	3	5
62.	Coal -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
63.	Empire -----	1	1	1	4	--	7
64.	Bow Island -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
65.	Diamond City -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
66.	St. Andrew's -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
67.	Charity -----	2	--	1	1	--	4
68.	Edson -----	--	--	--	2	3	5
69.	Connaught -----	--	3	--	--	--	3
70.	Quarry -----	--	--	--	1	3	4
71.	Tawatinaw -----	3	--	--	1	--	4
72.	Coronation -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
73.	Brooks -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
74.	Vulcan -----	--	--	--	1	--	1
75.	Harmony -----	3	--	--	3	--	6
76.	Fidelity -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
77.	Strathcona -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
78.	Hanna -----	--	--	--	1	3	4
79.	Morning Star -----	3	--	--	1	--	4
80.	Excelsior -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
81.	Commercial -----	2	--	1	2	--	5
82.	Acadia -----	3	--	--	3	--	6
83.	Zetland -----	3	--	--	5	--	8
84.	Champion -----	2	1	--	--	--	3
85.	Suffield -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
86.	Rocky Mountain -----	--	--	--	--	3	3
87.	Crescent -----	3	--	--	--	--	3

No.	Name of Lodge	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
88.	Wahpun -----	--	3	--	2	--	5
89.	Peace River -----	3	--	--	2	--	5
90.	Norwood -----	1	1	1	2	--	5
91.	Patricia -----	--	3	--	12	--	15
92.	Saskatchewan -----	--	3	--	1	--	4
93.	Symbol -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
94.	Lamont -----	--	2	1	1	--	4
95.	Kitchener -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
96.	Dynamic -----	--	--	3	--	--	3
97.	Albion -----	--	3	--	--	--	3
98.	Hand Hill -----	1	1	1	--	--	3
99.	Mount Moriah -----	1	1	1	--	--	3
100.	Warner -----	3	--	--	1	--	4
101.	West Edmonton -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
102.	Edgerton -----	--	--	--	--	--	--
103.	Foremost -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
104.	Oyen -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
105.	Grande Prairie -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
106.	Lake Saskatoon -----	3	--	--	--	--	3
Total -----		125	34	24	113	54	350

Signed by:

J. B. HAWKINS, Chairman
W. H. HATCHER,
G. FRANK BUTLER,
F. B. WATSON,
W. C. REED, Committee.

Resolved, on motion of R.W. Bro. J. B. Hawkins (81), seconded by R.W. Bro. W. H. Hatcher (70), "That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted."

The election of Grand Lodge Officers was then proceeded with and the results were as follows:

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1918

M.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91)---Edmonton-----Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29)---Red Deer-----Dep. Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)Pincher Creek---Sen Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37)---Camrose-----Jr. Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23)---Calgary-----Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28)---Calgary-----Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Thos. Rankine (1)---Calgary-----Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. J. Rex Brown (87)---Calgary-----Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. P. Fielding (38)---Mannville-----Grand Tyler

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

The following Brethren were elected by the Representatives and Past Masters of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters and the elections were subsequently confirmed by the Grand Master:—

R.W. Bro. E. S. Clow (83)	-----	Calgary	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 1	Dis.
R.W. Bro. E. A. Bell (85)	-----	Medicine Hat	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 2	Dis.
R.W. Bro. T. P. Newbigging (46)	-----	Edmonton	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 3	Dis.
R.W. Bro. J. A. Kerr (18)	-----	Ponoka	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 4	Dis.
R.W. Bro. J. Douglas (37)	-----	Camrose	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 5	Dis.
R.W. Bro. H. O. Haslam (32)	-----	Claresholm	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 6	Dis.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Owen (60)	-----	Acme	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 7	Dis.
R.W. Bro. H. F. Baker (3)	-----	Macleod	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 8	Dis.
R.W. Bro. Geo. Campbell (82)	-----	Youngstown	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 9	Dis.
R.W. Bro. J. S. Reid (25)	-----	Vegreville	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 10	Dis.
R.W. Bro. H. D. Galbraith (74)	-----	Vulcan	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 11	Dis.
R.W. Bro. F. McFarlane (77)	-----	Edmonton	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 12	Dis.
R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88)	-----	High Prairie	-----	D.D.G.M. No. 13	Dis.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

The following Brethren were elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the term of two years:—

R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83)	-----	Calgary
R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (35)	-----	Calgary
R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (83)	-----	Calgary
R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm (91)	-----	Edmonton

R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28) was elected for a term of one year to complete the term of R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37) who was elected Junior Grand Warden.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), Grand Master-elect, notified the Grand Secretary of the following appointments:—

V.W. Bro. M. C. Wright (91)	-----	Edmonton	-----	Sr. Gd. Deacon
V.W. Bro. Dr. F. J. Folinsbee (51)	-----	Edmonton	-----	Jr. Gd. Deacon
V.W. Bro. Robt. Moss (90)	-----	Edmonton	-----	Gd. Organist
V.W. Bro. J. E. Johnson (83)	-----	Calgary	-----	Gd. Dir. Cer.
V.W. Bro. Wm. Reid (79)	-----	Lougheed	-----	Grd. Steward
V.W. Bro. R. M. Moore (8)	-----	Innisfail	-----	Grd. Steward
V.W. Bro. J. D. Mackenzie (68)	-----	Edson	-----	Grd. Steward
V.W. Bro. Geo. Graham (14)	-----	Edmonton	-----	Grd. Steward
V.W. Bro. Allan Ross (26)	-----	Hillcrest	-----	Grd. Steward
V.W. Bro. Samuel Spicer (41)	-----	Cochrane	-----	Grd. Steward
V.W. Bro. Col. W. F. W. Carstairs (88)	-----	High Prairie	-----	G. Pursuivant

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 6 o'clock p.m.

Evening Session

LABOR RESUMED AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

The newly elected officers present were then duly installed and appointed officers invested by M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin, P.G.M.

PRESENTATIONS

M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin, P.G.M., being about to leave our Grand Jurisdiction to reside in British Honduras, was presented with a handsome gold watch by the M.W. the Grand Master on behalf of Grand Lodge.

M.W. Bro. Connacher referred at some length to the great loss sustained by Grand Lodge at the departure of our highly esteemed Brother who did so much to lay the foundation stones of Craft Masonry in the pioneer days of Alberta. M.W. Bro. Hogbin presided at the meeting called for the formation of our Grand Lodge and has, ever since, taken a very active interest in its welfare. He was elected Grand Master of this Grand Lodge just ten years ago and his business ability and wide range of Masonic experience has done much to guide our Grand Lodge during its formative period and guard the landmarks of our Ancient Craft against innovation. Whether as Chaplain addressing the Brethren on the sublime principles of our Order or in the Master's Chair exemplifying the esoteric work or in the Grand East ruling and governing over Grand Lodge, he has in each case displayed rare ability and tact and made a lasting impression on the minds of those who were privileged to be present on these occasions.

M.W. Bro. Hogbin thanked the Brethren for this tangible token of their love and esteem and stated that he would always cherish the memory of the happy years spent amongst the Brethren of Alberta.

At the request of M.W. Bro. Darling, Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Hogbin presented M.W. Bro. Connacher, retiring Grand Master, with a set of Past Grand Master's Regalia as a token of the appreciation of the members of Grand Lodge for his faithful services during his term of office.

M.W. Bro. Connacher made a very pleasing and fitting reply thereto.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Thirteenth Annual Communication was closed in AMPLE FORM at 10 p.m. with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and concluded by singing the National Anthem, "God Save The King."



S. Y. Taylor.

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS, 1918

M.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), Edmonton.....	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), Red Deer	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Pincher Ck., Senr. Grd. Warden	
R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37), Camrose.....	Junior Grand Warden
R.W. Bro. E. S. Clow (83), Calgary	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
R.W. Bro. E. A. Bell (35), Medicine Hat.....	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R.W. Bro. T. P. Newbigging (46), Edmonton,	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R.W. Bro. J. A. Kerr (18), Ponoka.....	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R.W. Bro. John Douglas (37), Camrose.....	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R.W. Bro. H. O. Haslam (32), Claresholm.....	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R.W. Bro. J. H. Owen (60), Acme.....	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R.W. Bro. H. F. Baker (3), MacLeod.....	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Geo. Campbell (82), Youngstown.....	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R.W. Bro. J. S. Reid (25), Vegreville.....	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R.W. Bro. H. D. Galbraith (74), Vulcan.....	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R.W. Bro. F. McFarlane (77), Edmonton.....	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88), High Prairie....	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Calgary.....	Grand Treasurer
M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Calgary.....	Grand Secretary
R.W. Bro. Thos. Rankine (1), Calgary.....	Grand Registrar
R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Rex Brown (87), Calgary	Grand Chaplain
V.W. Bro. M. C. Wright (91), Edmonton.....	Senior Grand Deacon
V.W. Bro. Dr. F. J. Folinsbee (51), Edmonton.....	Junior Grd. Deacon
V.W. Bro. Robt. Moss (90), Edmonton.....	Grand Organist
V.W. Bro. J. E. Johnson (83), Calgary.....	Grd. Director of Ceremonies
V.W. Bro. Wm. Reid (79), Loughheed.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. R. M. Moore (8), Innisfail.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. John D. Mackenzie (68), Edson	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Geo. Graham (14), Edmonton	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Allan Ross (26), Hillcrest.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Samuel Spiser (41), Cochrane.....	Grand Steward
V.W. Bro. Col. W.F.W. Carstairs (88), High Prairie, G. Pursuivant	
R.W. Bro. P. Fielding (38), Mannville.....	Grand Tyler

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

President

R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6) Pincher Creek

Vice President

R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34) Leduc

Secretary

M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28) Calgary

By Virtue of Office

M.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), Grand Master Edmonton
 M.W. Bro. Col. Geo. MacDonald (1), Post Grand Master Calgary
 M.W. Bro. Judge H. C. Taylor (7), Past Grand Master Edmonton
 M.W. Bro. Major Geo. H. Hogbin (1), Past Grand Master Calgary
 M.W. Bro. J. T. MacDonald (9), Past Grand Master Calgary
 M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb (4), Past Grand Master Turin
 M.W. Bro. Robt. Patterson (3), Past Grand Master Macleod
 M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Past Grand Master Calgary
 M.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (18), Past Grand Master Lethbridge
 M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), Past Grand Master Calgary
 M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop (14), Past Grand Master Edmonton
 M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Past Grand Master Calgary
 M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite (7), Past Grand Master Edmonton
 M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Past Grand Master Winnipeg
 M.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay (1), Past Grand Master Calgary
 R.W. W. J. Botterill (29), Deputy Grand Master Red Deer
 R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), Senr. Grd. Warden Pincher Ck.
 R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37), Junior Grand Warden Camrose
 R.W. Bro. Thos. Sharpe (23), Grand Treasurer Calgary
 R.W. Bro. Thos. Rankine (1), Grand Registrar Calgary

Elected by Grand Lodge

R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34) Leduc
 R.W. Bro. J. Elliott (2) Medicine Hat
 R.W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs (1) Calgary
 R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28) Calgary
 R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83) Calgary
 R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (35) Calgary
 R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (83) Calgary
 R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm (91) Edmonton

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Sub-Committees

Jurisprudence—M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), Chairman, and all other Past Grand Masters.

Grievances and Appeals—R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), Chairman, R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (83), R.W. Bro. H. D. Galbraith (74), R.W. Bro. H. F. Baker (3), R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34), R.W. Bro. J. Elliott (2), R.W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs (1).

Condition of Masonry—R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83), Chairman, M.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (18), R.W. Bro. J. W. Younge (37), R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm (91), R.W. Bro. John Douglas (37), R.W. Bro. Geo. Campbell (82).

Foreign Relations and Correspondence—Members of the board resident in Edmonton with M.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), Chairman.

Finance—M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), Chairman, R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83), R.W. Bro. F. R. Jelfs (1), M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), M.W. Bro. Col. Geo. MacDonald (1), R.W. Bro. F. S. Selwood (28), R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry (34), R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (35).

Charters—R.W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart (35), Chairman, R.W. Bro. M. M. Downey (83), R.W. Bro. H. O. Haslam (32), R.W. Bro. E. S. Clow (83), R.W. Bro. S. Harris (88), R.W. Bro. F. McFarlane (77), R.W. Bro. E. H. Malcolm (91).

Benevolence and Home and School Fund—M.W. Bro. J. T. MacDonald (9), Chairman, R.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill (29), R.W. Bro. J. H. Argue (83), M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher (9), M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor (28), M.W. Bro. Dr. H. Darling (91), M.W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson (18), R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), R.W. Bro. J. Elliott (2), R.W. Bro. T. Rankine (1), R.W. Bro. E. A. Bell (35), R.W. Bro. J. H. Owen (60), R.W. Bro. J. A. Kerr (18).

Credentials and Reception—The District Deputy Grand Masters of the Thirteen Masonic Districts; Chairman R.W. Bro. E. S. Clow (83).

S. Y. TAYLOR,

Grand Secretary.

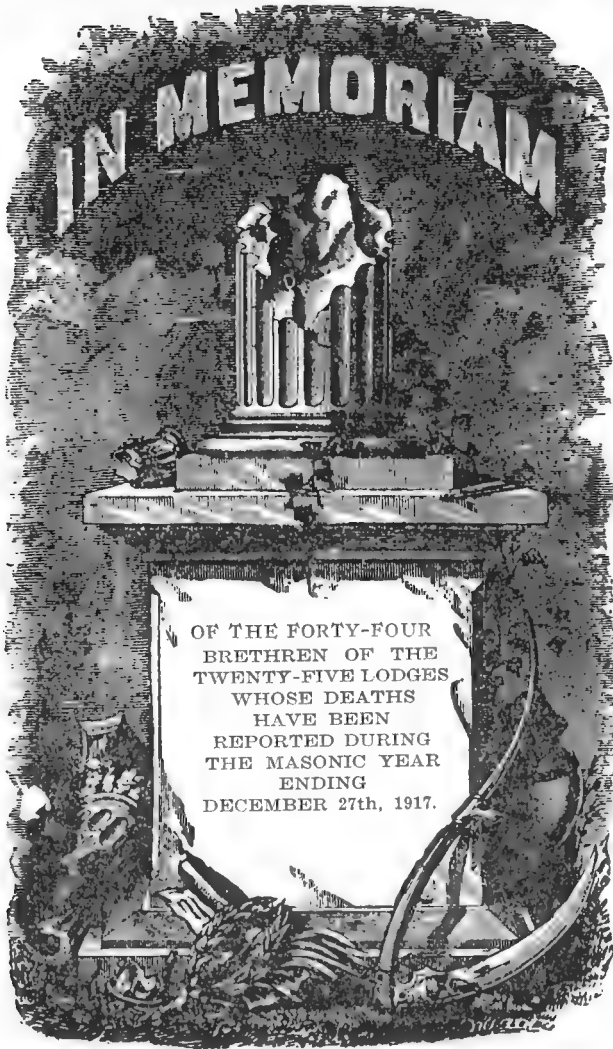


So the multitude goes—like the flowers or weed
That withers away to let others succeed.
So the multitude come and even these we behold
To repeat every tale that has often been told.
Yes, hope, despondency, pleasure and pain
Are mingled together in sunshine and rain,
And the smile, and the tear, and the song, and the dirge
Still follow each other like surge upon surge.

Memorial Page

Reverently inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister
Jurisdictions.

Jurisdiction	Name and Rank	Date of Death.
Colorado	Kennedy, Geo. D., P.G.M.	Jan. 26, 1918
Colorado	Peabody, Jas. Hamilton, P.G.M.	Nov. 23, 1917
Florida	Pasco, Samuel, P.G.M.	Mar. 13, 1917
Florida	Carnell, James, P.G.M.	June 17, 1917
Kansas	Buck, J. Jay, P.G.M.	Sept. 3, 1917
Kansas	Brown, Bestor Gaston, P.G.M.	July 10, 1917
Kansas	Chandler, Chas. Henry, P.G.M.	Dec. 18, 1917
Kentucky	French, Howard Royal, P.G.M.	Sept. 11, 1917
Maine	Farnham, Aug. Bowman, P.G.M.	Jan. 14, 1918
Manitoba	Baker, Geo. Wellington, P.G.M.	Sept. 1, 1917
Nebraska	Hill, William E., P.G.M.	Dec. 29, 1917
Nebraska	Young, Frank Hy. Orcutt, P.G.M.	Dec. 24, 1917
Nevada	McMillan, William, P.G.M.	July 21, 1917
New York	Ehlers, Edward M. L., G. Sec.	May 28, 1917
Nova Scotia	Archibald, Luther B., P.G.M.	Feb. 10, 1918
Nova Scotia	Black, William Marshall, P.G.M.	May 9, 1917
Oklahoma	Bennett, Leo Edmond, P.G.M.	May 28, 1917
Pennsylvania	Guthrie, Geo. W., P.G.M. & G. Sec.	Mar. 8, 1917
Quebec	White, Will H., G. Sec.	1917
South Dakota	Brown, Samuel Augustine, P.G.M.	Feb. 5, 1917
Victoria	Carty-Salmon, Hon. E., P.G.M.	Sept. 15, 1917
Virginia	Field, Henry Knox, G.M.	Feb. 15, 1917
West Virginia	Hamilton, John M., P.G.M.	Dec. 27, 1916
West Virginia	Stokes, Wyndham, P.G.M.	Mar. 12, 1917

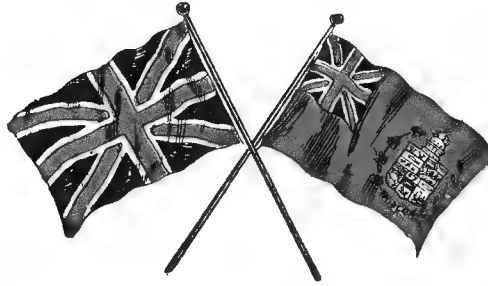


"The ships sail over the harbor bar
Away and away to sea,
The ships sail in with the evening star,
To the port where no tempests be.
The harvests wave on the summer hills,
And the bands go forth to reap,
And all is right as our Father wills,
Whether we wake or sleep."

Memorial Page

To the honoured dead of our own Jurisdiction

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death.
1.	Bow River	Downie, Archibald	July 19, 1917
1.	Bow River	Lee, William Henry	July 1, 1917
2.	Medicine Hat	Lyman, Robert	Sept. 25, 1916
3.	Alberta	Milburn, Dr. W. W.	May 25, 1917
4.	North Star	Richardson, John	July 20, 1917
4.	North Star	Galliford, William John	Dec. 16, 1917
6.	Spitzie	Ford, James	Oct. 29, 1917
7.	Edmonton	Grierson, W. E.	Apr. 26, 1917
7.	Edmonton	Grierson, Fred. J.	Aug. 5, 1917
7.	Edmonton	Latornell, A. J.	Nov. 30, 1917
7.	Edmonton	Crossman, Geo. S.	Oct. 23, 1917
7.	Edmonton	Berry, Douglas	Aug. 8, 1917
7.	Edmonton	McKay, William M.	Feb. 25, 1917
7.	Edmonton	Haldane, Frank Gibb	Feb. 8, 1917
7.	Edmonton	Chapman, James Percy	Feb. 25, 1917
9.	Perfection	Moorish, John D.	May 27, 1917
9.	Perfection	Myhill, Fred. E.	May 21, 1917
9.	Perfection	Kinsey, John Albert	June 30, 1917
9.	Perfection	Wright, Chas. Wm.	Nov. 3, 1917
9.	Perfection	Seller, Leslie Ellsworth	Nov. 8, 1917
9.	Perfection	Hunter, James Tait	Dec. 23, 1917
12.	Red Deer	Brumpton, Robert C.	Aug. 6, 1917
15.	Wetaskiwin	McKay, John Chas.	Oct. 19, 1917
23.	Calgary	Wood, Edward Chas.	Aug. 5, 1917
23.	Calgary	Wright, George David	July 31, 1917
25.	St. John's	Trump, Daniel	Oct. 1, 1917
30.	Summit	Goodeve, Herbert G.	Dec. 3, 1917
31.	Doric	Henderson, Robert John	July 5, 1917
37.	Camrose	Duncanson, James C.	Oct. 20, 1917
38.	Hope	Frank, Edward Cecil	Feb. 9, 1917
39.	Lethbridge	Weslyng, Peter J.	Jan. 8, 1917
46.	Palestine	Wood, William Franklin	June 18, 1917
52.	Langdon	Pue, W. H.	-----
54.	Mount Lebanon	Bruce, Robert Chambers	Apr. 1, 1917
54.	Mount Lebanon	Harris, Henry Frank	June 3, 1917
55.	Bassano	Gerber, Aaron Jacob	Feb. 1, 1917
71.	Tawatinaw	Rennison, William	Aug. 3, 1917
71.	Tawatinaw	Shopland, John Squire	Nov. 4, 1917
77.	Strathcona	Lumsden, William B.	Nov. 26, 1917
77.	Strathcona	Carlisle, Hugh	Mar. 21, 1917
78.	Hanna	Benedict, Archibald H.	June 11, 1917
83.	Zetland	Aberdeen, Arthur Edward	May 7, 1917
91.	Patricia	Lively, Earl E.	Dec. 20, 1917
91.	Patricia	McLennan, John A.	Mar. 14, 1917



Roll of Honor

THE FOLLOWING BRETHREN HAVE LAID DOWN THEIR
LIVES FOR THEIR COUNTRY.

Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.

No.	Lodge	Name	Date of Death.
1.	Bow River	Dunn, Frank Ambrose S.	Sept. --, 1917
1.	Bow River	Greenbank, Roland	Apr. 10, 1917
1.	Bow River	Thom, Ernest C.	Sept. 6, 1916
1.	Bow River	Stewart, Edwin C.	Dec. 24, 1916
1.	Bow River	Parkinson, Oliver John	Sept. 26, 1916
2.	Medicine Hat	Wright, Elmer W.	May --, 1917
3.	Alberta	Jones, J. W.	Nov. 16, 1917
4.	North Star	Ripley, Alvin	May 2, 1917
4.	North Star	Grigg, E. J.	Nov. 3, 1916
4.	North Star	Stafford, Alexander B.	June 24, 1917
5.	Cascade	Whitcomb, I. G.	Dec. 17, 1916
5.	Cascade	Unwin, S. J.	---, 1916
11.	Acacia	Morrow, Charles Ernest	June 1, 1917
11.	Acacia	Wynn, Lorenzo	June 1, 1916
11.	Acacia	Macdonald, Ronald J.	June 27, 1917
11.	Acacia	Roberts, Geo.	July 30, 1917
11.	Acacia	McNally, Percy Byron	Aug. 10, 1917
12.	Red Deer	Harris, Rev. W. H. F.	May --, 1917
14.	Jasper	Allen, Alfred Wilson	Nov. 7, 1917

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No.	LODGE.	NAME	DATE OF DEATH.
16.	Mountain View	Shaw, Robert Thos. Garret	Mar. 19, 1917
19.	Cornerstone	Ball, E. S.	July 31, 1917
19.	Cornerstone	Carle, R. P.	Mar. 25, 1917
21.	King Hiram	Stauffer, Joseph Emmett	Apr. 10, 1917
28.	Ashlar	Srigley, Samuel W.	Sept. --, 1916
29.	Kenilworth	Smith, Ernest A.	-----
29.	Kenilworth	Hay, Alex. Petrie	-----
30.	Summit	Joseph, John Archer	Apr. 9, 1917
39.	Lethbridge	Armstrong, J. McDougall	Apr. 12, 1917
39.	Lethbridge	Whittaker, Chas. Kenneth	Apr. 12, 1917
39.	Lethbridge	Scadden, Chas. M.	Nov. 1, 1917
50.	Comet	Nelson, Thomas W.	-----
51.	Unity	Eaves, Thomas	Oct. 30, 1917
51.	Unity	Ross, Harold Osborne	-----
53.	Strathmore	Wright, Harold Armstrong	Sept. 27, 1916
58.	Chief Mountain	Dower, Alexander	Apr. 11, 1917
60.	Acme	Henson, Gordon	----- 1917
65.	Diamond City	Fuller, Harry Roger	July 13, 1917
65.	Diamond City	Steven, William	Oct. --, 1917
70.	Quarry	McLean, William S.	Sept. 9, 1916
77.	Strathcona	Newlands, James	Aug. 15, 1917
78.	Hanna	Blois, Harry M.	Apr. 26, 1917
81.	Commercial	Bateman, Ewart Wilkinson	Dec. 7, 1917
81.	Commercial	King, William Braithwaite	-----

LODGE DIRECTORY
AND
STATISTICAL TABLE

LODGE DIRECTORY

No.	Name	W. Master	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
1	Bow River	Sargent, P. A.	Adames, H. J.	439 12th Ave. E., Cal'y.	Second Monday in each month.
2	Medicine Hat	Hodges, E. S.	Napier, R. M.	Medicine Hat	Second Tuesday in each month.
3	Alberta	Moreash, J. W.	Mills, J. H.	Nacled	Wed., on or before full moon.
4	North Star	Whiddington, H. M.	Meech, H. W.	Box 802 Lethbridge	Second Monday in each month.
5	Cascade	Crosby, L. S.	Ward, W. E.	Box 70 Banff	Thurs., on or before full moon.
6	Spitzale	Lindsay, F. W.	McCrean, D. L.	Pincher Creek	Tues., on or after full moon.
7	Edmonton	Hubbard, S. T.	McManus, C. E.	Box 515 Edmonton	Third Thursday in each month.
8	Innisfail	Moore, J. R.	Westgate, F.	Innisfail	Third Thursday in each month.
9	Perfection	Ireland, William	Allen, T. M.	Acacia Corner, Calgary	Third Thursday in each month.
10	Eureka	Fraser, Jesse	Carruthers, N. E.	Lacombe	First Wednesday in each month.
11	Acacia	Church, A. H.	DeRousie, E. C.	Edmonton South	Second Tuesday in each month.
12	Red Deer	Stone, C. H.	Avres, A. G.	Red Deer	Second Tuesday in each month.
13	Victoria	Rogers, A. H.	Easterby, Geo.	Fort Saskatchewan	Tues., on or before full moon.
14	Jasper	Smith, D. J.	Irving, Joseph	10737 102nd Ave., Edmonton	Second Monday in each month.
15	Wetaskiwin	Cutler, H. E.	Finkle, Elmer	Wetaskiwin	Third Thursday in each month.
16	Mountain View	Bliss, Walter F.	Grant, Jas. F.	Box 204 Olds	Friday, on or before full moon.
17	Nanton	Arney, Adam	Legler, G. H.	Nanton	Third Friday in each month.
18	Britannia	Campbell, Wm.	A. Raadsgaard, A. B.	Ponoka	First Thursday in each month.
19	Cornerstone	Thompson, E. F.	Thomas, P. G.	High River	Thurs., on or before full moon.
20	Carstairs	Gouch, A. S.	Dickson, William	Carstairs	Thurs., on or before full moon.
21	King Hiram	Liesemer, G. H.	Evans, W. G.	Didsbury	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
22	Corinthian	Thorne, J. H. R.	Paterson, G. C.	S. Okotoks	First Friday in each month.
23	Calgary	McCammon, E. M.	McBurney, J. A.	327 17th Ave., West	First Friday in each month.
24	Vermilion	Brissett, Frank	Mackenzie, W. E.	Calgary	Tues., on or before full moon.
25	St. John's	Fraser, A. W.	Maynard, Gordon	Vermilion	First Monday in each month.
26	Sentinel	Stubbs, Henry	Pattinson, Geo.	Vegreville	Wed., on or before full moon.
27	Apollo	Lusted, D. H.	Seabrook, Fred C.	Stettler	First Monday in each month.
28	Ashlar	Withrow, E. P.	Hall, W. E.	3413 6th St. W., Cal'y.	Second Thursday in each month.
29	Kenilworth	Fowler, F. M.	Turnbull, Fred	Red Deer	First Thursday in each month.
30	Summit	Quimette, C. S.	Quimette, W. L.	Coleman	First Thursday in each month.
31	Doric	Campbell, Alex.	Westlake, Edward	Taber	Tuesday on or before full moon.
32	Caro	Reynolds, Jno. F.	Phoenix, Rev. Jos.	Glareholm	Third Tues. in each month.
33	Stavely	Ditto, Fred S.	Robinson, W. B.	Stavely	Friday on or before full moon.
34	Star of West	Taylor, Wm. L.	Ennis, A. R.	Leduc	First Tues. in each month.
35	Mizpah	Johnson, Wm.	Hoag, Robert	Medicine Hat	First Tues. in each month.
36	Glachen	Hamar, A. G.	Stocken, Rev. Can.	Gleichen	Tues., on or before full moon.
37	Camrose	Younge, J. A.	Baron, H.	Camrose	Second Thursday in each month.

No.	Name	W. Master	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
38	Hope	Ireland, R. D.	Wood, C. B.	Mannville	Mon., on or before full moon.
39	Lethbridge	Rannard, Jno. E.	Wade, William	Lethbridge	Third Thursday in each month.
40	Joppa	Richards, Geo.	Merkel, J. C.	Gratum	Thurs., on or before full moon.
41	King Solomon	Atkinson, Jno. A.	Spicer, Samuel	Cochrane	Friday, on or before full moon.
42	Bowden	Bookless, William	Keene, F. B.	Bowden	Wed., on or before full moon.
43	Tuscan	McGowan, C. E.	Smith, T. F.	Killam	Wed., on or before full moon.
44	Buffalo Park	Cardell, M. G.	Brodie, W. S.	Box 118 Wainwright	Wed., on or before full moon.
45	Idonic	Brindle, Jas.	Finch, H. G.	Alix	Thurs., on or before full moon.
46	Palestine	Letourneau, J.	O. Dodds, A. C.	Tofield	Thurs., on or before full moon.
47	Chinook	Snyder, Geo. F.	Murphy, M. A.	Cowley	Monday, on or before full moon.
48	Crossfield	Thomas, A. R.	Wicks, C.	Crossfield	Tues., on or before full moon.
49	Robert Burns	Goodsir, Thomas	Hamilton, W. G.	Carmanagay	Thurs., on or before full moon.
50	Comet	Martin, O. S.	Dickson, A. W.	Hardisty	Second Tuesday in each month.
51	Unity	Thomson, R. G.	McIntosh, D.	Box 523 Edmonton	First Tuesday in each month.
52	Langdon	McLeod, J. F.	Craig, C. A.	Langdon	Thurs., on or before full moon.
53	Strathmore	Wright, Thos. E.	Brown, Wm. Ellis	Box 80 Strathmore	Monday, on or before full moon.
54	Mt Lebanon	Keane, Geo. E.	Harner, H. E.	Box 1660 Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
55	Bassano	McCaughy, E. H.	Golden, John	Bassano	Fourth Tuesday in each month.
56	Beaver	MacCartney, R. S.	Murphy, R. C.	Castor	First Wednesday in each month.
57	Grassy Lake	Currier, D. B.	Hancock, Mark	Grassy Lake	Second Thursday in each month.
58	Chief Moun'tn	Rose, T. B.	Ehrens, D. E.	Carleton Place	Second Saturday in each month.
59	King George	Young, Walter C.	Flavin, E. J.	704 Boulevard, N.W. Calgary	Second Friday in each month.
60	Acme	LaFrance, J. G.	Wakley, F. C.	Acme	Thurs., on or before full moon.
61	Provost	Usher, R. D.	Sargent, Ray	Provost	Wed., on or after full moon.
62	Coal	Thirsk, J. W.	Wetterberg, S. T.	Bawlf	Third Thursday in each month.
63	Empire	Milner, Joseph	Lakey, C. J.	Box 386 Edmonton	First Monday in each month.
64	Bow Island	Lomas, Geo.	Bateman, W. A.	Bow Island	Tues., on or before full moon.
65	Diamond City	Robertson, James	Christie, T. N.	Diamond City	Second Friday in each month.
66	St. Andrews	Hughes, E. P.	Slipp, R. H.	Trochu	Thurs., on or before full moon.
67	Charity	Anderson, L.	Dupen, A. E.	Box 580 Lethbridge	Second Tuesday in each month.
68	Edson	Mahan, A. H.	Mackenzie, J. D.	Edson	First Thursday in each month.
69	Connaught	Greene, D. T.	McCahey, W.	Viking	Tuesday nearest full moon.
70	Quarry	Arndahl, T. J.	Courtneil, F. H.	Redcliff	First Tuesday in each month.
71	Tawatinau	Ralconer, F. R.	Depew, E. A.	Athabasca	Thurs., on or before full moon.
72	Coronation	Taylor, A. J.	Locke, E. C.	Coronation	Third Tuesday in each month.
73	Brooks	Stafford, Norman	Elliott, C. C.	Brooks	Thurs., on or before full moon.
74	Vulcan	Clark, C. D.	Elves, F. A.	Vulcan	Monday, on or before full moon.
75	Harmony	Millar, Alex. I.	McKee, A. M.	Sedgewick	Monday, on or before full moon.

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76	Fidelity	Wells, Wm. E.	Whitby, O.	Bashaw	First Tues. in each month.
77	Strathcona	Shields, Wm. K.	Connor, H. M.	5516 103rd St., Edmonton	Second Friday in each month.
78	Hanna	Garland, A. F.	Odell, J. G.	Hanna	Wed., on or before full moon.
79	Morning Star	Bunnin, Alfred	Main, H. R.	Lougheed	Thurs., on or before full moon.
80	Excelsior	Ross, A. T.	Latornell, S. C.	Strome	Thurs., on or before full moon.
81	Commercial	Henry, R. W.	Kells, R. C.	Box 607, Edmonton	First Saturday in each month.
82	Acadia	McHarg, Geo.	Prat, Geo. A.	Youngstown	Tues., on or before full moon.
83	Zetland	McNeill, John H.	Argue, J. H.	221 15th Ave., W.	Third Monday in each month.
84	Champion	Edwards, Geo. W.	Frame, H.	Calgary	Second Thursday in each month.
85	Suffield	Cook, W. A.	Sharp, Robert	Suffield	Wed., on or before full moon.
86	Rocky M'tn	Mason, Samuel	Pasmore, G. A.	Blairmore	Second Monday in each month.
87	Crescent	Hidlow, M.	Nichols, Arthur	826 18th Ave., N.W. Calgary	Second Tuesday in each month.
88	Wahpun	Kent, W. S.	Pottage, F.	Grouard	First Thursday in each month.
89	Peace River	Carlisle, A. E.	Laing, O. J.	Peace River	Second Wed. in each month.
90	Norwood	Thompson, W.	Anderson, Gilbert	11916 95th St. Edmonton	Second Tuesday in each month.
91	Patricia	Mercer, F. S.	Malcolm, E. H.	Box 2128 Edmonton	Third Friday in each month.
92	Saskatchewan	Fetch, A. H.	Slater, Duncan	7803 112th Ave., Edmonton	Fourth Friday in each month.
93	Symbol	Gordon, W. D.	Moyer, F. C.	Drumheller	Second Thurs. in each month.
94	Lamont	Fruman, C. S.	McLean, D. E.	Lamont	Mon., on or before full moon.
95	Kitchener	Byers, S. J.	McBride, C. W.	Rimbey	Friday, on or before full moon.
96	Dynanic	Ballard, C. H.	Brisbin, C. N.	Holden	First Wednesday in each month.
97	Albion	Freeman, H. N.	Campbell, A. S.	Chauvin	First Thursday in each month.
98	Hand Hill	Campbell, D. H.	Bigelow, E. M.	Della	Wed., on or after full moon.
99	Mount Moriah	Wilson, C. L.	Wylie, Chas. B.	Sibbald	Thurs., on or before full moon.
100	Warner	Veale, A. P.	Browne, W. B.	Warner	Thurs., on or before full moon.
101	W. Edmonton	Long, C. E.	McKenzie, Wm.	Box 64 W. Edmonton	First Wednesday in each month.
102	Edgerton	Morrow, G. L.	Smalley, S. B.	Edgerton	Mon., on or before full moon.
103	Foremost	Robertson, J. G.	Gillis, J. A.	Foremost	First Wednesday in each month.
104	Oven	Kirkpatrick, O. F.	Sibbald, O. G.	Oven	First Friday in each month.
105	Grande Prairie	Oliver, J. B.	Minchin, D. H.	Grande Prairie	Friday, on or before full moon.
106	Lake Sask'tn	Pearcy, W. S.	Nash, T. B.	Lake Saskatoon	Wed., on or before full moon.

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			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N. P. D.	U. M. C.	Died			
1	Bow River	272	7	8	7	4	1	6	8	...	7	263	...	9
2	Medicine Hat	181	11	6	6	4	...	3	...	...	2	191	10	...
3	Alberta	90	4	3	3	...	1	6	6	...	2	81	...	9
4	North Star	210	14	13	13	5	6	5	3	...	5	222	12	...
5	Cascade	132	4	3	3	...	...	2	5	...	2	127	...	5
6	Spitzie	65	10	8	7	2	...	4	...	...	1	72	7	...
7	Edmonton	338	4	7	4	4	...	4	45	...	8	289	...	49
8	Innisfail	69	3	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	72	3	...
9	Perfection	377	11	13	14	10	1	10	...	...	6	383	6	...
10	Eureka	81	5	4	4	3	1	3	...	...	...	87	6	...
11	Acacia	162	14	13	13	1	...	3	1	...	5	168	6	...
12	Red Deer	106	1	2	3	2	...	2	6	...	2	99	...	7
13	Victoria	56	8	6	6	1	...	1	...	...	...	64	8	...
14	Jasper	202	2	3	4	4	1	9	10	...	1	189	...	13
15	Wetaskiwin	64	3	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	1	69	5	...
16	Mountain View	41	6	7	6	2	...	...	...	...	1	48	7	...
17	Nanton	69	4	6	5	1	...	1	...	...	...	73	4	...
18	Britannia	47	4	5	4	3	1	3	...	...	...	52	5	...
19	Cornerstone	130	8	7	5	3	4	1	1	...	2	141	11	...
20	Carstairs	39	1	...	...	1	...	5	...	...	...	36	...	3
21	King Hiram	61	4	3	4	...	...	3	...	...	2	60	...	1
22	Corinthian	66	1	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	66	...	...
23	Calgary	206	10	9	8	5	1	7	11	...	2	202	...	4
24	Vermilion	72	1	2	2	2	...	3	...	...	...	72	...	...
25	St. John	64	5	5	5	1	...	...	...	...	1	69	5	...
26	Sentinel	76	3	2	2	...	1	2	1	...	...	77	1	...
27	Apollo	92	7	10	11	6	...	1	3	...	...	101	9	...
28	Ashlar	169	4	4	4	2	1	4	2	...	1	169	...	...
29	Kenilworth	83	1	3	3	...	...	2	...	...	2	79	...	4
30	Summit	39	4	3	4	...	...	1	...	...	2	40	1	...
31	Doric	62	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	65	3	...
32	Cairo	45	3	2	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	50	5	...
33	Stavely	67	6	4	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	71	4	...
34	Star of the West...	43	3	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	43	...	...
35	Mizpah	105	5	8	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	5	...
36	Gleichen	74	2	6	5	...	...	2	1	...	...	73	...	1
37	Camrose	59	6	3	1	4	...	2	...	...	1	66	7	...
38	Hope	37	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	40	3	...
39	Lethbridge	101	8	7	4	2	1	5	...	...	4	103	2	...
40	Joppa	34	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	33	...	1
41	King Solomon	31	1	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	30	...	1
42	Bowden	22	2	2	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	24	2	...
43	Tuscan	49	1	3	5	3	...	1	...	...	...	52	3	...
44	Buffalo Park	62	4	5	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	67	5	...
45	Ionic	48	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	...	...	47	...	1

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			Initiated	Passed	Raised			Dimit	N. P. D.	U. M. C.	Died			
46	Palestine	43	...	1	2	3	...	1	4	...	1	40	...	3
47	Chinook	30	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	4	...
48	Crossfield	39	12	9	7	1	...	1	3	...	...	48	9	...
49	Robert Burns	43	3	6	5	2	...	3	...	...	...	45	2	...
50	Comet	29	1	1	1	1	...	2	...	...	1	28	...	1
51	Unity	296	8	10	11	1	3	5	...	...	2	301	5	...
52	Langdon	38	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	34	...	4
53	Strathmore	65	7	4	1	2	...	4	...	...	1	69	4	...
54	Mount Lebanon	173	16	15	16	2	...	1	5	...	2	183	10	...
55	Bassano	69	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	...	1	58	...	11
56	Beaver	58	2	2	4	2	...	3	...	...	...	59	1	...
57	Grassy Lake	26	5	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	32	6	...
58	Chief Mountain	24	7	6	4	...	1	2	1	...	1	28	4	...
59	King George	116	9	8	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	127	11	...
60	Acme	61	8	7	10	2	...	...	4	...	1	66	5	...
61	Provost	55	4	5	8	1	1	1	1	...	...	59	4	...
62	Coal	21	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	1	...
63	Empire	88	5	5	6	...	2	8	2	...	...	85	...	3
64	Bow Island	45	7	4	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	53	8	...
65	Diamond City	30	3	2	1	...	...	...	2	...	2	29	...	1
66	St. Andrews	32	3	3	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	36	4	...
67	Charity	37	6	5	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	44	7	...
68	Edson	53	8	9	11	3	1	1	2	...	...	62	9	...
69	Connaught	35	3	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	38	3	...
70	Quarry	35	8	7	7	1	...	...	...	...	1	43	8	...
71	Tawatinaw	47	2	4	3	1	...	6	3	...	2	39	...	8
72	Coronation	51	2	6	6	5	...	3	...	...	...	55	4	...
73	Brooks	57	13	...	...	2	...	...	6	...	...	66	9	...
74	Vulcan	42	7	7	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	51	9	...
75	Harmony	32	2	3	2	1	...	2	...	...	1	32	...	...
76	Fidelity	35	8	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	44	9	...
77	Strathcona	166	13	13	13	...	...	1	1	...	3	174	8	...
78	Hanna	46	11	12	9	5	...	...	...	...	2	60	14	...
79	Morning Star	29	2	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	29	...	...
80	Excelsior	30	1	2	2	1	...	3	...	...	1	28	...	2
81	Commercial	89	8	11	12	6	2	6	5	...	2	92	3	...
82	Acadia	41	10	13	7	1	...	1	...	...	...	51	10	...
83	Zetland	140	19	19	18	10	...	5	1	...	1	162	22	...
84	Champion	29	6	7	7	1	...	...	1	...	...	35	6	...
85	Suffield	30	7	6	5	...	...	3	...	...	...	34	4	...
86	Rocky Mountain	35	1	4	4	4	...	2	...	...	...	38	3	...
87	Crescent	81	10	13	14	2	...	2	...	...	...	91	10	...
88	Wahpun	27	3	3	2	1	...	2	...	...	...	29	2	...
89	Peace River	45	6	2	3	3	...	1	3	...	...	50	5	...
90	Norwood	44	10	6	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	56	12	...

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91	Patricia	299	33	24	28	10	...	6	...	...	2	334	35	...
92	Saskatchewan	43	5	5	25	3	...	...	...	...	...	31	8	...
93	Symbol	37	12	9	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	50	13	...
94	Lamont	...	12	11	10	15	...	1	...	...	...	26	26	...
U.D.	Kitchener	...	3	1	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	14	14	...
U.D.	Dynamic	...	4	3	2	13	...	...	...	...	...	17	17	...
U.D.	Albion	...	5	4	2	9	...	...	...	...	...	14	14	...
U.D.	Hand Hill	...	3	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	21	21	...
U.D.	Mount Moriah	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	11	11	...
U.D.	Warner	...	6	4	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	18	18	...
U.D.	West Edmonton	...	3	1	...	24	...	...	...	...	1	26	26	...
U.D.	Edgerton	...	4	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	14	14	...
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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Jurisdiction	From Grand Lodge of Alberta	To Grand Lodge of Alberta.
Alabama	W. Bro. R. E. Steiner, Montgomery	W. Bro. R. B. Ferguson, Edmonton.
Arizona	R.W. Bro. Chas. M. Smith, Yuma	W. Bro. J. A. Simpson, Innisfail.
Arkansas	R.W. Bro. F. G. Lindsay, Bentonville	M.W. Bro. Dr. N. J. Lindsay, Calgary.
British Columbia ..	W. Bro. J. H. Greer, Vancouver	R.W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Pincher Ck.
Canada	W. Bro. A. J. Young, North Bay	M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Calgary.
California	W. Bro. W. S. Pickerell, Durango	
Colorado	W. Bro. S. E. Downs, Danbury	W. Bro. W. L. Elliott, Lacombe.
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Delaware	R.W. Bro. Ralph W. Lee, Washington ..	M.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, Calgary.
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England	W. Bro. R. H. Cooper, Palatka	M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite, Edmont'n
Florida	W. Bro. Joel Cloud, Lexington, Ga.	V.W. Bro. A. N. Saddington, Banff.
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Idaho	W. Bro. H. A. Snell, Litchfield	M.W. Bro. Thos. McNabb, Turin.
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Indiana		
Iowa		
Ireland	W. Bro. G. D. Adams, Salina	M.W. Bro. S. J. Blair, Calgary.
Kansas		
Kentucky	R.W. Bro. Crow Girard, Lafayette	W. Bro. H. L. Robbins, Calgary.
Louisiana	R.W. Bro. M. G. Trask, Bangor	R.W. Bro. C. W. E. Gardiner, Macleod.
Maine	R.W. Bro. A. J. Hatcher, Elkhorn	M.W. Bro. G. H. Hogbin, Calgary.
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Maryland		
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Michigan		

Jurisdiction	From Grand Lodge of Alberta	To Grand Lodge of Alberta
Minnesota	W. Bro. E. P. Dotson, Sandborn	R. W. Bro. A. E. Jamieson, Edmonton.
Mississippi		W. Bro. Wm. Jaeger, Edmonton.
Montana	M. W. Bro. J. W. Speers, Great Falls	R. W. Bro. Dr. C. E. Smyth, Medicine Hat.
New York	W. Bro. W. S. Barnaby, New York	W. Bro. Percy Taylor, High River.
Nebraska	W. Bro. Homer R. Hatfield, York	W. Bro. Rev G. H. Webb, Edmonton.
Nevada	W. Bro. L. H. Beason, Pioche	V. W. Bro. W. F. W. Lent, Calgary.
New Brunswick	V. W. Bro. Hon. G. T. Baird, Andover	V. W. Bro. H. J. Robie, Calgary.
New Hampshire	R. W. Bro. Bard B. Plummer, Jr., Union	R. W. Bro. M. J. Macleod, Edmonton.
New Jersey	R. W. Bro. S. S. Treadwell, Englewood	
New Mexico		M. W. Bro. Dr. G. Macdonald, Calgary.
New South Wales	W. Bro. Wm. T. Wright, Bathurst	W. Bro. Dr. H. L. McInnis, Edmonton.
New Zealand	V. W. Bro. Stanley Milroy, Auckland	R. W. Bro. W. F. Puffer, Lacombe.
North Carolina	W. Bro. H. R. Dowell, Raleigh	W. Bro. James Reid, Vegreville.
North Dakota	W. Bro. C. E. Tillson, Carrington	R. W. Bro. Robert Scott, Carstairs.
Nova Scotia	W. Bro. F. W. Harris, Annapolis	R. W. Bro. A. R. Dickson, Wetaskiwin.
Ohio	Bro. Jno. P. McClure, Columbia	R. W. Bro. Jno. Duff, Olds.
Oklahoma	V. W. Bro. C. H. Love, Ardmore	W. Bro. C. L. Peterson, Didsbury.
Oregon	W. Bro. H. L. Pittock, Portland	
Pennsylvania		R. W. Bro. F. S. Selwood, Calgary.
Philippine Islands	R. W. Bro. C. J. Kindler, Manila	V. W. Bro. A. W. R. Markley, Calgary.
Prince Ed. Island	W. Bro. G. B. McNutt, Charlottetown	V. W. Bro. Dr. Jno. Westwood, Coleman.
Quebec	W. Bro. W. Williamson, Montreal	R. W. Bro. W. G. Congdon, Edmonton, S.
Queensland	V. W. Bro. John Thos. Lorne, Nanab	W. Bro. H. E. Daniel, Ft. Saskatchewan.
Rhode Island	W. Bro. W. L. Sharpe, East Greenw	R. W. Bro. J. H. Argue, Calgary.
Saskatchewan	R. W. Bro. F. B. Lewin, Regina	R. W. Bro. D. N. Macleod, Edmonton.
Scotland	W. Bro. Col. J. M. Denny, Edinburgh	Bro. G. T. Bragg, Edmonton.
South Australia		M. W. Bro. Judge J. A. Jackson, Lethbridge
South Carolina	W. Bro. Jas. W. Ivey, Florence	R. W. Bro. W. L. Ouimette, Coleman.
South Dakota	W. Bro. Wm. Carpenter, Andover	W. Bro. A. Allen, Calgary.
Tasmania	V. W. Bro. H. R. J. Payne, Launceston	

Jurisdiction	From Grand Lodge of Alberta	To Grand Lodge of Alberta.
Tennessee	W. Bro. B. S. Smith	W. Bro. J. I. Brewster, Calgary.
Texas	W. Bro. David Doole, Jr., Brady	R.W. Bro. W. G. Lowry, Leduc.
Utah	W. Bro. S. C. Park, Salt Lake City	M.W. Bro. E. T. Bishop, Edmonton.
Vermont	W. Bro. C. H. Darling, Burlington	R.W. Bro. E. N. Brown, Calgary.
Victoria	R.W. Bro. E. Coulsen, Melbourne	W. Bro. J. C. F. Bown, Edmonton.
Virginia	W. Bro. Arista Hoge, Staunton	R.W. Bro. J. N. Rankin, Calgary.
Washington	W. Bro. F. N. McCandless, Tacoma	R.W. Bro. T. F. English, Calgary.
West Australia	R.W. Bro. Humble, Perth	R.W. Bro. N. S. Kenny, Wainwright.
West Virginia	R.W. Bro. A. B. Clark, Buckanum	W. Bro. R. Hollinger, Didsbury.
Wisconsin	R.W. Bro. E. L. Urquhart, Medford	M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Calgary.
Wyoming		

GRAND LODGES, WITH NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address.
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	S. Y. Taylor	Calgary.
Arizona	George J. Roskrugs	Tuscan.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
Brit. Columbia	W. A. De Wolf-Smith	Westminster.
California	John Whicher	San Francisco, Masonic Temple
Canada	Ralph Leeming Gunn	Hamilton, Ontario.
Chili	Augustin I. Palma	Casilla No. 2367, Santiago, Chili
Colorado	Chas. H. Jacobson	Denver.
Connecticut	George A. Kies	Hartford.
Costa Rica	Antonio Castro	San Jose.
Cuba	Jose Marti	Habana, P.O. Box 72.
Delaware	H. J. Guthrie	Wilmington.
Dist. of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Washington D.C. Masonic Temp.
England	Edward Letchworth	London.
Florida	Wilbur P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	Frank F. Baker	Macon.
Guatemala	Filidello Cobar	Guatemala City.
Idaho	Geo. E. Knepper	Boise City.
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Indianapolis.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Camp Point.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids, Mas. Library.
Ireland	Henry E. Flavelle	Dublin.
Italy	C. Berlenda	Rome, Casella Postale 443.
Kentucky	Dave Jackson	Louisville.
Kansas	A. K. Wilson	Topeka.
Louisiana	John A. Davilla	New Orleans, Masonic Temple.
Maine	Chas. B. Davis	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg.
Maryland	George Cook	Baltimore, Masonic Temple.
Massachusetts	F. W. Hamilton	Boston, Masonic Temple.
Mexico (York G.L.)	W. A. White	Mexico City, P.O. Box 1986.
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	John Fishel	St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic Gordon Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John R. Parson	St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Helena, Masonic Temple.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	Omaha, 1608 Capital Ave.
Netherlands	H. J. W. van Lawick	The Hague, Fluweelen Burg, 22.
Nevada	Edw. D. Vanderlieth	Carson City.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John, 120 Pr. William St.
New Hampshire	H. M. Cheney	Concord, 3 North Main Street.
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton, Masonic Temple.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque.
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Sydney.
New York	Robert J. Kenworthy	New York City, Masonic Hall.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Box 341, Auckland.
North Carolina	W. W. Willson	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.

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GRAND SECRETARIES—(Continued).

Grand Lodge	Grand Secretary	Address.
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Oklahoma	Wm. M. Anderson	Oklahoma City.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	Portland, 388 Yamhill Street.
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Peru	Abelardo L. Montes	Lima, P.O. Box 587.
Philippine Islands	Newton C. Comfort	Manila.
Porto Rica	Jose G. Torres	San Juan.
Pr. Edward Is.	W. P. Doull	Charlottetown.
Quebec	Walter C. Hagar	Montreal.
Queensland	Chas. H. Harley	Brisbane.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Providence.
Saskatchewan	W. B. Tate	Regina.
Scotland	David Reid	Edinburgh.
South Australia	Chas. R. J. Glover	Adelaide.
South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Sweden	S. H. B. Soennson	Stockholm, Blasieholmen, No. 6.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Tennessee	Sith M. Cain	Nashville.
Texas	W. B. Pearson	Waco.
Utah	F. A. McCarthy	Salt Lake City.
Victoria	Chas. A. Barrow	Melbourne.
Vermont	H. H. Ross	Burlington.
Virginia	Chas. A. Nesbitt	Richmond, Masonic Temple.
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma.
West Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Perth.
West Virginia	Jno. M. Collins	Charleston.
Wisconsin	W. W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	Jos. M. Lowndes	Lander.

Elected at Its Foundation on the 12th Day of October, 1905, and Annually Thereafter

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LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

District No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. S. Clow (83)

No. 1	Bow River	Calgary.
No. 5	Cascade	Banff.
No. 9	Perfection	Calgary.
No. 23	Calgary	Calgary.
No. 28	Ashlar	Calgary.
No. 41	King Solomon	Cochrane.
No. 54	Mt. Lebanon	Calgary.
No. 59	King George	Calgary.
No. 83	Zetland	Calgary.
No. 87	Crescent	Calgary.

District No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. E. A. Bell (35)

No. 2	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat.
No. 31	Doric	Taber.
No. 35	Mizpah	Medicine Hat.
No. 57	Grassy Lake	Grassy Lake.
No. 64	Bow Island	Bow Island.
No. 70	Quarry	Redcliff.
No. 85	Suffield	Suffield.
No. 103	Foremost	Foremost.

District No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. T. P. Newbigging (46)

No. 7	Edmonton	Edmonton.
No. 34	Star of the West	Leduc.
No. 51	Unity	Edmonton.
No. 81	Commercial	Edmonton.
No. 44	Buffalo Park	Wainwright.
No. 46	Palestine	Tofield.
No. 69	Connaught	Viking.
No. 96	Dynamic	Holden.
No. 97	Albion	Chauvin.
No. 102	Edgerton	Edgerton.

District No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. A. Kerr (18)

No. 8	Innisfail	Innisfail.
No. 10	Eureka	Lacombe.
No. 12	Red Deer	Red Deer.
No. 15	Wetaskiwin	Wetaskiwin.
No. 16	Mountain View	Olds.
No. 18	Britannia	Ponoka.
No. 20	Carstairs	Carstairs.
No. 21	King Hiram	Didsbury.
No. 29	Kenilworth	Red Deer.
No. 42	Bowden	Bowden.
No. 48	Crossfield	Crossfield.
No. 95	Kitchener	Rimbey.

District No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Jno. Douglas (37)

No. 37	Camrose	Camrose.
No. 43	Tuscan	Killam.
No. 50	Comet	Hardisty.
No. 61	Provost	Provost.
No. 62	Coal	Bawlf.
No. 75	Harmony	Sedgewick.
No. 76	Fidelity	Bashaw.
No. 79	Morning Star	Lougheed.
No. 80	Excelsior	Strome.

District No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. O. Haslan (32)

No. 17	Nanton	Nanton.
No. 19	Cornerstone	High River.
No. 22	Corinthian	Okotoks.
No. 32	Cairo	Claresholm.
No. 33	Stavely	Stavely.
No. 40	Joppa	Granum.

District No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. H. Owen (60)

No. 36	Gleichen	Gleichen.
No. 52	Langdon	Langdon.
No. 53	Strathmore	Strathmore.
No. 55	Bassano	Bassano.
No. 60	Acme	Acme.
No. 73	Brooks	Brooks.

District No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. F. Baker (3)

No. 3	Alberta	-----	Macleod.
No. 6	Spitzie	-----	Pincher.
No. 26	Sentinel	-----	Hillcrest.
No. 30	Summit	-----	Coleman.
No. 47	Chinook	-----	Cowley.
No. 86	Rocky Mountain	-----	Blairmore.

District No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Geo. Campbell (82)

No. 27	Apollo	-----	Stettler.
No. 45	Ionic	-----	Alix.
No. 56	Beaver	-----	Castor.
No. 66	St. Andrew	-----	Trochu.
No. 72	Coronation	-----	Coronation.
No. 78	Hanna	-----	Hanna.
No. 82	Acadia	-----	Youngstown.
No. 93	Symbol	-----	Drumheller.
No. 98	Hand Hill	-----	Delia.
No. 99	Mount Moriah	-----	Sibbald.
No. 104	Oyen	-----	Oyen.

District No. 10

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. J. S. Reid (25)

No. 11	Acacia	-----	Edmonton.
No. 63	Empire	-----	Edmonton.
No. 90	Norwood	-----	Edmonton.
No. 13	Victoria	-----	Ft. Saskatchewan.
No. 24	Vermilion	-----	Vermilion.
No. 25	St. John's	-----	Vegreville.
No. 38	Hope	-----	Mannville.
No. 71	Tawatinaw	-----	Athabasca.
No. 94	Lamont	-----	Lamont.

District No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. H. D. Galbraith (74)

No. 4	North Star	-----	Lethbridge.
No. 39	Lethbridge	-----	Lethbridge.
No. 49	Robert Burns	-----	Carmangay.
No. 58	Chief Mountain	-----	Cardston.
No. 65	Diamond City	-----	Diamond City.
No. 67	Charity	-----	Lethbridge.
No. 74	Vulcan	-----	Vulcan.
No. 84	Champion	-----	Champion.
No. 100	Warner	-----	Warner.

District No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. F. McFarlane (77)

No. 14	Jasper	Edmonton.
No. 77	Strathcona	Edmonton South.
No. 91	Patricia	Edmonton.
No. 68	Edson	Edson.
No. 92	Saskatchewan	Edmonton.
No. 101	West Edmonton	Edmonton.

District No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R.W. Bro. Samuel Harris (88)

No. 88	Wahpun	Grouard.
No. 89	Peace River	Peace River.
No. 105	Grande Prairie	Grande Prairie.
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon	Lake Saskatoon.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

by H. DARLING, S.G.W., Chairman.

1. Alabama -----	1917	26. New Hampshire -----	1917
2. Arizona -----	1917	27. New Jersey -----	1917
3. Arkansas -----	1916	28. New Mexico -----	1917
4. British Columbia ----	1917	29. New York -----	1917
5. California -----	1917	30. North Carolina -----	1917
6. Canada (in Ontario) 1917		31. North Dakota -----	1917
7. Colorado -----	1917	32. Nova Scotia -----	1917
8. Florida -----	1917	33. Ohio -----	1917
9. Idaho -----	1917	34. Oregon -----	1917
10. Illinois -----	1917	35. Philippine Islands ---	1917
11. Indiana -----	1917	36. Prince Edward Island	1917
12. Iowa -----	1917	37. Quebec -----	1917
13. Ireland -----	1917	38. Rhode Island -----	1917
14. Kansas -----	1917	39. Saskatchewan -----	1917
15. Kansas -----	1918	40. South Australia -----	1916
16. Louisiana -----	1917	41. South Dakota -----	1917
17. Maine -----	1917	42. Tennessee -----	1918
18. Manitoba -----	1917	43. Tennessee -----	1917
19. Maryland -----	1917	44. Texas -----	1917
20. Massachusetts -----	1916	45. Utah -----	1918
21. Michigan -----	1917	46. Australia -----	1917
22. Minnesota -----	1917	47. Washington -----	1917
23. Mississippi -----	1917	48. West Virginia -----	1917
24. Nebraska -----	1917	49. Wisconsin -----	1917
25. Nevada -----	1917	50. Wyoming -----	1917

ALABAMA

Ninety-seventh Annual Communication held at Montgomery, December, 1917.

Grand Master Walter Smith was called upon during his term of office to circularize the Lodges in his Jurisdiction warning them of a clandestine Lodge that had been formed in Birmingham under the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge, A.F. & A.M., in the Scottish Rite for North America in the American Masonic Federation. Until the meeting of Grand Lodge he ruled that no

visitors should be admitted to any Lodge without documentary evidence of their good standing in a regular Lodge. The Grand Lodge approved the ruling and made it permanent with the provision that the presiding Master may waive the requirement if he is satisfied that the visitor is a regularly made Mason.

A resolution to adopt the Lewis as an emergency working tool in the Jurisdiction was defeated but it was agreed that it was within the prerogative of the Grand Master to allow the privileges of a Lewis to candidates belonging to the U.S. forces, during the term of the war only.

The celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the Mother Grand Lodge of England was held on the evening preceding the meeting of Grand Lodge. Companion Hendley of Ohio spoke interestingly on "The Origin of Freemasonry." Brother Oliver D. Street gave a very excellent address on "Speculative Masonry before A.D. 1717," from which the following paragraph is taken:

"No society can long exist as a real and useful force in the world which holds aloof from the affairs of other men. Participation in these affairs need not always be done under the banners of Masonry but the Mason should always be found under that banner which stands for the cause of truth and light and justice, regardless of its name. He has no right to be either in the opposition or among the indifferent spectators . . . Brethren, if we have been sleeping, let us awake."

M.W. Bro. Lawrence Lee in the course of an address giving a short history of Masonry in the United States since 1680 had the following true words to say:

"If history could hope to record the unseen influences which go to the making up of a nation, those forces for good which never stop, never tire, and of which our social order is the outward and visible symbol, then, indeed, might the real story of the spirit of Masonry in America be chronicled."

The proceedings of Alberta 1916 and 1917 are ably reviewed. Bro. Street is doubtful of the wisdom of having Subordinate Lodges incorporated as is favored by many in Alberta.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Panama as a regular Masonic body.

A resolution was adopted permitting members of Masonic Lodges in Alabama Lodges to admit as visitors Masons under said Grand Bodies of France. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was directed to gather all obtainable information and report to the next annual communication its recommendation as to what should be the attitude of Alabama toward those Grand Bodies.

Lodges, 546. Membership, 28,596. Gain, 1,085.

Robert S. Teague.....Grand Master
Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery.....Grand Secretary

ARIZONA

Thirty-fifth Annual Communication held at Phoenix, Arizona, February 13th to 15th, 1917.

This Communication was to have been held at Nogales but the fact that many guardsmen and their wives were there prevented and they reported every house and hotel in that city filled, hence the change.

Three cornerstones were laid, four amendments to by-laws approved.

Grand Master Perkins seems to follow and cite California pretty closely in his decisions; a compliment to California. He reports some lack of unity in degree work—a not uncommon grievance. He recommends that Grand Lodge sanction spending of not over ten per cent. of the income of a given Lodge for refreshments and entertainment; recommends that the standing Ritual Committee draft a "short form" of closing. One would naturally ask: Why learn two, or will they? However, the ritual committee reported adversely. With but limited membership the resources of the Grand Lodge seem ample and a goodly sum is in hand for a Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

No foreign correspondence.

Charles Curtis Woolf, Temple-----Grand Master

George James Roskrige, Tucson-----Grand Secretary

ARKANSAS

Seventy-fifth Annual Communication, at Little Rock, November 21st-22nd, 1916.

We congratulate our Brothers of Arkansas on their efforts, and results, in dealing with the liquor traffic.

The usual questions of relief, discipline, dispensations and physical fitness, presented and were handled, we think, wisely and in all kindness. They have an Orphans' Home in this Jurisdiction doing good work; about 117 children in attendance. Grand Master Kemper visited 420 Lodges at an expense to Grand Lodge of less than \$375.00 and he says he made about \$3 for himself that year. I can readily credit the first two statements, though, frankly, both require an effort, but that last one! I regret to state, is impossible, if the first are true,—unless, of course, he found it.

Volume of business, \$25,650.43. It was resolved to establish another Masonic home for widows and aged.

Their constitution was changed so as to collect of each Lodge \$2.00 for each initiation, \$2.00 for each passing, and \$4.00 for each raising, for the benefit of the Masonic Orphans' Home.

M.W. L. P. Kemper-----Grand Master

R.W. F. Hempstead-----Grand Secretary

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Forty-sixth Annual Communication, held at New Westminster, June 21st, 1917.

In the opening paragraph, the Grand Master's address contains these words (page 10):—

"We all fondly hoped when we parted a year ago, that the horrors of this dreadful war would be over. Alas! the Grand Architect of the Universe ruled otherwise, but as Free Masons we bow to the will of the Supreme Grand Master, knowing full well that truth and right will prevail."

We may be entering upon a field where we have no warrant to voice opinions, but at least we enter, and with hat in hand, venture the thought that the G.A.O.T.U. did not rule that this war continue. "Tribal" Gods may have done so but The G.A.O.T.U. rather wills "Peace on earth, Good will toward men." Man, or men, a comparative few, have been responsible, are responsible, and will inevitably meet that responsibility for both beginning and continuance.

The Grand Master instituted a "One-cent Fund," i.e., one cent per day per member toward assistance to returned and returning Masons.

No decisions or recommendations reported.

Financial Committee report, income for year \$5,730.62, being \$3,884.00 less than last year. Expenditure \$5,520.47, margin \$210.45. In response to appeal from the Y.M.C.A. Militia Department, \$1,000 was voted to this worthy effort.

We appreciate the pride of this Grand Lodge in enrolling among its membership that soldier hero, Lieut. Gen. Sir Arthur W. Currie, C.B., K.C.M.G., and extend congratulations.

Alberta affairs, 1916, are reviewed. Perhaps our Brothers in B.C. who reviewed the Alberta, 1916, affairs can find in that fair and extensive Province some examples of where great distances and ignorance as to proper steps in Lodge formation have led to embarrassing circumstances, like those encountered by M.W. Bro. Taylor, who makes no mention of his great efforts to meet these Brothers **armed with a dispensation**. He does not seem to have become impatient with them for either apparent neglect or indifference. We congratulate Grand Master Taylor for these Masonic graces and are not disposed to chide him for failure to have the dispensation with him—but he did have it.

Again, re military Lodges, I am informed by M.W. Brother Taylor that his statement that no Military Lodge had been warranted by a regular Grand Lodge since 1892 was based upon direct information to himself from a well-known and recognized Masonic authority, who, according to our B.C. Brothers, seems to have made a mistake. However, this may be, we find general disapproval today of the custom of warranting such Lodge and we heartily approve the stand taken by our present Grand Secretary, then Grand Master, S. Y. Taylor. We are reminded of

P.G.M. Barham of Tennessee who did as G.M. Taylor did, visited outlying districts and Lodges, instructed and encouraged and came to Grand Lodge with definite recommendations and plans and suggestions. His report of labor performed had a business rather than a banquet ring and we like it accordingly. If the chairman of our F.C. Committee, 1916, was an "Irishman" I'll leave him to answer our B.C. Brothers and explain about that report. An Irishman's answer may be short but it is usually alive.

W. Astley-----Grand Master

Dr. W. A. De Wolf-Smith-----Grand Secretary

CALIFORNIA

Sixty-eighth Annual Communication held at San Francisco, October, 1917.

Grand Master Francis V. Keesling's annual address covers a multitude of subjects and occupies 31 closely printed pages of the proceedings. In referring to the financial condition of the constituent Lodges he urged that every Lodge should see that its funds were safely invested and in easily realizable securities. He was of the opinion that many Lodges should increase their dues so that all ordinary expenses could be paid from the dues and leave a small surplus. Referring to financial difficulties generally he very properly pointed out: "More important, however, is the probable effect upon membership standards. Troublesome financial obligations will have a tendency and be a temptation to the lowering of standards of membership in a desire for membership fees and dues. Inferior members select inferior officers. Inferior officers produce inferior work and the result is a further contribution to inferiority and the creation of members who misconstrue and misunderstand the object and purposes of the institution." He circularized the Lodges urging the duty of subscribing to the Liberty Loan and in his address referred with pleasure to the activity of individual members on committees and as subscribers in the "Red Cross Drive."

Among the 18 recorded decisions by the Grand Master was one that "Dues of those who have entered the military or naval service cannot be remitted merely for that reason." The constitution was afterwards amended to allow this being done.

He decided against formation of Military Lodges and expressed the opinion that a general Grand Lodge should not be established.

Both the Home at Decoto for the aged and the one at Covina for children are doing splendid work and are in a satisfactory financial condition. Grand Lodge is striving for an endowment fund for these homes of a million dollars.

There are six Masonic Boards of Relief in this Jurisdiction including one in Honolulu. They all make report to Grand Lodge.

The committee on Masonic Education, in their report, deplored

the fact "that the rank and file of our membership lack a proper appreciation of the meaning underlying the teaching of our Institution." That is too true of many other jurisdictions beside California. The committee prepared lectures on each of the three degrees to be presented to candidates after receiving the degrees. They recommended to the Lodges the careful study of such books as Gould's "Concise History of Freemasonry"; Mackey's "Encyclopedia"; "The Builders, A Story and Study of Masonry," by Joseph Fort Newton; "The Philosophy of Masonry," by Roscoe Pound. They further recommended the appointment of a committee of three for the ensuing year to "foster and encourage throughout this jurisdiction the study and research of Masonic tradition, history, law, literature, philosophy and dominant purposes of this Institution," and that this committee prepare, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, one lecture each month to be printed and mailed to each Lodge.

A special committee of five was appointed "to report at the next annual meeting some plan, if possible, whereby the breach between French and Anglo-Saxon Masonry may be healed without the sacrifice on either side of an essential principle or matter of conscience."

A resolution was passed modifying the previous inhibition of right of visitation and California members are now permitted to visit and hold Masonic intercourse with the Masons in Belgium, France and Italy.

The proceedings of the Alberta for 1916 and 1917 are both reviewed and extracts from the addresses of both M.W. Bros. Taylor and Bishop were given prominence.

Lodges, 379. Membership, 60,384. Gain, 2,528.

Wm. Rhodes Hervey, Los Angeles-----Grand Master

John Whicher, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, Grd. Sec.

CANADA (In Ontario)

Sixty-second Annual Communication held in Belleville, July, 1917.

Alberta was represented by R.W. Bro. A. J. Young.

In his very able address Grand Master Sydney A. Luke touched upon the early history—profane and Masonic—of Belleville district, referred interestingly to the fiftieth anniversary of Confederation and devoted a considerable portion of his message to the great war. He referred to favors received at the hands of the Grand Master of Alberta. Ten special communications of Grand Lodge were held to consecrate and dedicate Lodge rooms and 469 dispensations were granted of which 199 were to confer degrees out of time upon men who had enlisted for overseas service. Among his decisions was one that an applicant unable

to read and "unable to do more than make and distinguish the characters which form his own name" could not be made a Mason. The concluding paragraphs of the address are of outstanding excellence. We have pleasure in quoting the following:

"It is said to be a truth—a valuable truth—that man learns his lesson oftener through his emotions than through reason. From naked, plain truth men indifferently turn away to search in myth and symbol for that which was clearly exposed and explained from the beginning. If these are facts the wonderful success of Masonry as a teacher of a science which in purpose and scope embraces everything which makes up the sum total of man's striving in this life—morally, socially, politically and industrially, is due to the form, sign, and symbol by which it conveys its lessons, and in my judgment, there is no system, no place, nothing proclaimed from platform, stage or pulpit, which excels in practical value to men these lessons of the Lodge room."

In the way of benevolence this Grand Lodge makes a splendid showing, no less than \$36,485 having been paid out for this purpose during the year.

The statement of the Grand Secretary shows total receipts of \$65,799.72 and expenditures of \$66,588.53 including \$15,133.82 invested in debentures.

The twenty-five D.D.G.M.'s gave detailed reports of all their work of the year, their reports occupying 239 pages of the proceedings. A number of successful Lodges of Instruction were held.

A special session of Grand Lodge was devoted to a celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the revival of Masonry in England. M.W. Bro. A. T. Freed, P.G.M., presented a very excellent paper on "The Mother Grand Lodge." On account of its historical nature it is impossible to quote from it but it is evident much time and study was spent in the preparation of an address that is worth reading by every Mason.

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry is a good one but we think too long. It occupies nearly thirty closely printed pages. We wonder how many will read it.

The special committee on Musical Ritual reported that the first issue of the work would be ready by October.

Alberta, 1916, is given two pages in the review of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, special attention being called to the formation of new Lodges in the Peace River Country.

Lodges, 454; membership, 63,477; gain, 2,415.

Wm. H. Wardrope, K.C., Hamilton-----Grand Master
R. L. Gunn, Hamilton-----Grand Secretary

COLORADO

Fifty-seventh Annual Communication, held at Denver, September 18th and 19th, A.D. 1917.

Grand Master Guy V. Sternberg briefly reviews war and places emphasis on the desirability of aligning themselves squarely behind the President in this war (quoting from the President's speech) "to vindicate the principle of Peace and Justice in the life of the world as against selfish and autocratic power and to set up among the really free and self-governed peoples of the world such a concert of purpose and action as will henceforth insure the observance of such principles."

He disapproved of three by-laws, one charging \$15.00 for 2nd and \$15.00 for 3rd degree or petitions accompanied by dimit of E.A. and F.C. who received such degrees outside jurisdiction, one seeking to charge \$1.00 for dimit and one providing that "No member in arrears for dues shall have the right to vote at any annual election, or be eligible for office." He reports 11 commissions issued, three Lodges constituted and two requests for dispensation to form new Lodge, one of which he refused.

A committee formed at the 1916 session to arrange for a suitable celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of England reported advising against the celebration on account of war conditions and recommending that \$2,500 as representing the probable cost of such celebration be sent to the Grand Lodge of England for distribution among needy people there. The Grand Master commends the first section of the report but did not consider it in his power to assent to the proposed donation, leaving this to the Grand Lodge to deal with.

He made 45 official visits to 41 different Lodges.

In connection with advertising put out by a publishing house in New York he issued an edict and cites Section 297 of the book of constitution and one can but commend the edict. It might properly extend to interpolations from any work—Masonic or otherwise. The way once opened to variations in the authorized ritual and the result would in many cases resemble an old-fashioned patchwork quilt—many pieces.

He decides that an E.A. applying for advancement and the application being rejected by ballot is entitled to dimit on removal to another State although Section 214 of Constitution provides that an E.A. is not entitled to dimit if "objection" is made to his advancement. One would look upon an adverse ballot in his own Lodge as objection. The Committee on Jurisprudence, however, sustains his decision.

He reports Lodges as singularly free from discord, a good showing.

He recommends that the constitution be amended so that "War Service Cards setting forth the fact that the Brother to whom such card is issued is in good standing in his Lodge, and will so continue until he ceases to be in the military or naval

service of the United States," may be issued under seal of the Grand Lodge when a Lodge has remitted the dues during said service. This would appear to operate as a life membership, should military or naval service attract the member holding one of these cards.

An unique event was the reception tendered M.W. Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf on May 29th, 1917, in commemoration of the 51st anniversary of his service as W.M. of Denver Lodge No. 5.

"M.W. Brother Cromwell Tucker, Master of Ceremonies, gave a most fraternal address of welcome to the large gathering.

"Letters were read from the Grand Master, M.W. Brother Guy V. Sternberg, and Past Grand Master, M.W. Brother Frank Church.

Addresses were delivered by M.W. Brother James R. Killian, Grand High Priest of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Colorado; R.W. Brother L. D. Crain, Deputy Grand Master; W. Brother Charles W. Keith, Worshipful Master of Denver Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M.; E. Companion Clyde M. Rost, High Priest of Denver Chapter No. 2, R.A.M., and W. Brother Charles A. Stokes, Past Master of Denver Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., and President of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Temple Association.

"W. Brother Stokes, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of The Masonic Temple Association, presented to M.W. Brother Greenleaf beautifully engrossed resolutions of love, respect and commendation for his faithful and conscientious management of the affairs of the Temple Association for over twenty years. Similar resolutions were also presented by W. Brother Charles W. Keith on behalf of Denver Lodge No. 5, A. F. & A. M., and M.E. Companion Clyde M. Rost, on behalf of Denver Chapter No. 2, R.A.M.

"The entire occasion was marked by the magnificent, spontaneous outburst of love and respect for one of the ablest, truest and purest Masons who has ever adorned the Fraternity in this or any other Jurisdiction.

"As a Masonic poet, Brother Greenleaf has enriched the literature of Masonry with gems of beauty. His poems have carried to Masonic hearts everywhere the very spirit and soul, the sympathy and the Fraternal love that constitute the real life and power of our Craft, and that will eventually bring humanity together into one great Brotherhood."

They have 149 Lodges with a total of 19,123 members, a gain of 948 during the year.

An application for the formation of a Military Lodge was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee, who approved.

Grand Orator Haslett P. Burke, in an oration of which one could wish space would permit the reprinting, says:

"The dangers which threaten us are not far to seek; they lurk at our Lodgeroom doors; their remedy involves no profound wisdom, no revolutionary measures."

"The statues of our stately fortune
Are sculptured by the chisel—not the ax!"

"Hand us the tools of the Craft and the work of the Craftsmen and let us try some of the specimens."

"Trooping through the door of our preparation rooms we find an ever-increasing company composed of those from whose faces is missing the stamp of high intelligence, in whose eyes the torch of education has lighted no fires and whose halting steps are led by friendly suggestion or quickened by the hope of gain."

"Have committees forgotten to report whether these have sufficient education and intelligence to understand and value the doctrines and tenets of Freemasonry?" Did the Senior Deacon demand of them if they came 'unbiased by improper solicitation and uninfluenced by mercenary motives?' When they answered the inquiry, did they know that 'truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue?' Has not bitter experience, no less than the language of the ritualist, yet taught us that 'It is better that no workmen be added to the roll than even one unworthy foot allowed to cross the threshold?'"

Is this warning not a timely one?

L. D. Crain, Fort Collins.....Grand Master
Charles H. Jacobson, Denver.....Grand Secretary

FLORIDA

Eighty-eighth Annual Communication, held at Jacksonville, January 16, 1917.

In the report of Grand Master Crane we find the usual expressions of progress, general unity of effort and spirit, hope for the future, and sadness to find, in the war, the basest of human efforts uppermost, for the time at least.

He reports decisions re physical deformities, elections and installations at irregular times, and also local and foreign jurisdiction. With most of his decisions we heartily concur in sentiment. With the case of Bowling Green Lodge (see p. 48) we think he was too lenient. We know nothing of why this candidate refused to finish his degree (E.A.) but this would seem to me to be so unusual that the better way would have been to grant no dimit until he were raised and in full M.M. standing, either at the hands of his own Lodge or by another Lodge at their request. We like especially one of his closing sentences (pp. 73 and 74):

"Not alone those here present are interested in our proceedings. Thousands of hearts of the absent this hour pulsate with ours. Our faith is their faith; our purposes, their purposes; our consecration to humanity's great needs is likewise theirs. With us they ate pledged to that unswerving fealty to that fundamental tenet which will render our beloved Order immortal—the tenet of broad and universal Brotherhood under the Golden Rule."

This is much stronger, wiser and better than "building fences." Alberta Grand Master Taylor is strongly complimented on his address and his efforts to visit as many Lodges as possible in his field.

James E. Crane-----Grand Master
 Wilber P. Webster-----Grand Secretary

IDAHO

Fiftieth Annual Communication, held at Boise City, September 11th to 13th, 1917, with semi-centennial celebration of Grand Lodge.

One hundred and sixty-nine pages of proceedings and "ordered" that Worshipful Masters shall read and Secretaries report the performance of this duty under the seal of the Lodge, a somewhat onerous task.

M.W. Bro. John D. Bloomfield hews closely to the line and some of his decisions merit notice.

1. If a Brother dies after charges have been preferred against him but before any other steps have been taken except to delay service of summons, is he entitled to Masonic burial?

Answer: The common law presumes all men to be innocent until they are proven guilty and a Mason is protected by Masonic law in the same way. He is entitled to all the rights and privileges of Masonry until he is found guilty after due trial and duly suspended or expelled. Among such rights and privileges is that of Masonic burial.

4. The night for our regular election of officers comes on Christmas night. Can the Grand Master grant a dispensation to hold our election some other night?

Answer: No, the powers of the Grand Master are limited and he cannot grant a dispensation to any constituent Lodge to hold its annual election of officers out of time for such dispensation would be setting aside the By-laws of your Lodge and one of the Grand Lodge By-laws. See Section 4 of Article 13, Code and Digest. Also report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, Proceedings of 1912.

5. Two of the members of our Lodge who have had more or less misunderstanding and differences are now fighting out their troubles before the civil courts. Is there any way by which we can prevent this, and what action should the Lodge, or the members, take in regard to the matter?

Answer: There is no regulation in the Masonic law of Idaho which would prevent two brothers from taking their troubles into the civil courts for justice. Such suits are not always to the advantage of Masons but the fraternity is big enough and broad enough that such occasional acts of some of its members should not prejudice the fraternity in the eyes of a fair-minded community, and if their differences cannot be settled between themselves, and the members of the Lodge are unable to bring about an understanding between them, the civil courts is the proper place for the settlement of such differences.

6. Can a member of the Mormon Church petition for and receive the degrees of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction?

Answer: He can. There is no more restriction against a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints petitioning for the degree of Masonry than against a member of the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian or any other church. Freemasonry requires that the candidate for initiation be a good man and true, that he obey the laws of the country under whose protection he lives and that he must express his belief in the existence of one ever living and true God.

9. Can a Lodge accept a petition for degrees from a man 20 years and 11 months old whose 21st birthday will come before the meeting at which time his petition will be balloted upon?

Answer: No, the applicant must be 21 years of age before his petition can be accepted. Our laws are apparently silent upon this point but many of our Sister Jurisdictions have held that the petitioner must be 21 years of age at the time of making his petition.

12. Is it proper for the Master to take charge of and conduct certain correspondence relative to the affairs of this Lodge?

Answer: The Secretary of your Lodge has charge of and should conduct its correspondence but this does not preclude the Master from taking charge of such correspondence as he may think best for the general welfare and harmony of his Lodge.

That portion of his address devoted to Patriotism is outspoken and manly. He puts his stamp of disapproval on a too frequent custom.

I find in some of our Lodges, however, that they have been in the habit of giving a candidate the first section of the first or second degree and then postponing the lecture and charge and giving it at a subsequent meeting. This I believe to be

wrong, as a candidate is not properly initiated or passed until he has received both lecture and charge. We should at all times at the initiation of a candidate endeavor to make the first impressions permanent and give the candidate a clear conception of the high ideals and noble principles for which the fraternity stands. I do not feel that a candidate has been properly impressed by simply conferring the first section of the degree, which is short, as if the lecture and charge are given at the same meeting.

Grand Secretary Geo. E. Knepper has something to say about the observance of the "reading of the proceedings" and concludes:

"The first meeting of the Lodge after the return of its Grand Lodge delegate should be set aside as a social evening. To secure a good attendance refreshments may be served. Then the Grand Master's address and the reports above mentioned, should be taken up and REVIEWED, not read, by the Brother in attendance at the Grand Lodge and discussed by the Brethren."

The suggestion of "refreshments" is a timely one.

In speaking of sojourning Masons one can but commend:

"By sojourning Mason we mean one whose home is in one place and the Lodge to which he belongs is in another. In Idaho this condition of things is far too prevalent. The excuses given are quite varied. One man retains his membership in some eastern state because the annual dues are lower; another because his Lodge needs his dues; another because he was made a Mason in the Lodge to which he still holds allegiance, and so on ad infinitum. The whole matter seems to rest either on expediency or mere sentiment. A man that is not worth more to his Lodge than the amount of his annual dues is a Masonic 'slacker.' The Lodge whose existence depends on the dues of a Brother residing in a foreign Jurisdiction should surrender its charter. Masonry is not sentimental. It is a brotherhood where united effort counts, where duty is incumbent on each member, where his personal influence stands for more than the mere pittance of his annual dues. One good Brother Mason has been punctual in attendance at every meeting of the Boise Lodges when refreshments were served for the past 28 years and yet prides himself in having his membership elsewhere. Comment in such case is superfluous."

A Sojourning Mason becomes ill or meets with some reverses--in short is 'down and out.' The Local Lodge cares for him and then applies to his Lodge for reimbursement. Most Lodges refuse, as they ought to do. The down-and-outer should have affiliated in his place of residence."

It would be a good idea for Grand Bodies to take up this whole matter along some definite line, and rule clearly thereon.

He reviews 65 books of proceedings, two being from Alberta.

Commenting on two decisions given by M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, that of admitting a candidate having lost four fingers of his left hand and that of admitting as a candidate a returned soldier who has lost his left arm at the shoulder, he says: "The Grand Master is evidently a loose constructionist." When Idaho has as large a proportion of broken returned soldiers as has Alberta we will look for a material change in sentiment.

Much space is given to the Semi-Centennial Celebration, and the address of welcome by P.G.M. Curtis F. Pike pays worthy tribute to the pioneers of Idaho Free Masonry, while that of P.G.M. John H. Myer deals in a delightful manner with personal recollections of past Grand Masters.

Lodges, 64. Members, 5,112. Net gain, 307.

Sherman M. Coffin, Boise-----Grand Master

George E. Knepper, Boise-----Grand Secretary

ILLINOIS

Seventy-eighth Annual Communication, held at Chicago, October, 1917.

The frontispiece is a fine picture of Grand Master Ralph H. Wheeler and throughout the book are scattered several very fine cuts of Temples and other Masonic buildings in the state.

As the Grand Master assumed his station on the opening of Grand Lodge immense flags of the United States flanked with the Union Jack and the Tri-color of France. A telegram was sent to President Wilson assuring him of the loyalty of the Masons of Illinois in the great struggle. During the several sessions the Grand Lodge was entertained by selections by the Imperial Quartette of Chicago.

Referring to the war, Grand Master Wheeler said in part:

"Masons are loyal citizens and when the record is made the world will know that our Brethren have fulfilled their duty. 'Masonry hath been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion' and has 'ever flourished in times of peace,' and as an institution it has no place whatever in the present conflict, and it is to be sincerely hoped that when the dreadful war is over we will find Masonry in all its purity and splendor unchanged."

The Grand Lodge laid six cornerstones, dedicated eight temples, instituted eleven and constituted eleven Lodges during the year. Six State and six District schools of instruction were held during the year. Grand Lecturers must pass an examination on Masonic law called a "code quiz."

Both Masonic Homes are doing good work and are being enlarged to meet increasing demands.

The Grand Master, very properly we think, condemned the practice of several Lodges of requiring candidates to contribute

to a fund to be used in purchasing a gift for the Master. The more candidates the larger the gift, eh! Some system!

Six information bureaus have been established at various points where soldiers are concentrated to enable Lodges to keep in touch with their members enlisted and to furnish any other information or assistance required.

Bro. Wheeler is not impressed with the necessity of Military Lodges. There is much in favor of his suggestion that a Masonic Club will serve the purposes required in most cases.

He recommended that the ceremony of receiving the flag be made a part of the opening ceremony in all Lodges.

His views regarding religious discussion in Masonic journals is expressed as follows:

"In certain Masonic publications there have appeared from time to time articles attacking a certain church or religion. It is a well known fact among Masons that these articles are an expression of the views of the individual writers, and that the Masonic Fraternity is in no way responsible for these utterances. The general public in many instances are of the impressions that these publications are official and that what appears therein is an expression from the entire Fraternity. Masonry is pro-religious, not anti-religious, and I feel called upon to disclaim for the Grand Lodge, the Lodges and the Masons, any responsibility or connection whatever with the anti-religious expressions which have appeared, or which may appear in the future in any Masonic publication in Illinois."

The total receipts from all sources were \$185,021.05; the total expenditures \$102,198.90. Included in this amount of expenditures was one of \$25,000 invested in Liberty Bonds and one of \$23,000 transferred to the Charity Fund. The total amount paid from the Charity Fund was \$163,391.85. This includes the amounts spent on the two Masonic Homes.

Bro. Oscar A. Kropf, Grand Orator, in the course of an eloquent address, had this to say regarding "high society."

"The most un-American and foolish manifestation of the spirit of caste among us, is the aggregation which would be known as "high society." Where the thing took its origin, no one knows. Its limits are beyond finding out. Within its sacred precincts we find an addle-pated ex-cobbler's daughter, resenting with a superior sneer the wholesome, friendly advances of a genuine, cultured woman who, because she supports herself and child by the use of her God-given brains and hands, is branded, as 'impossible.' To find out why it is called high would beggar even the imagination of a Jules Verne. The only thing emanating from it which ever attained any height, is the malodor which frequently rises to the high heavens from its no uncommon scandals. To ascertain what it is good for would require the skill of an entomologist. To discover what of value it had ever accomplished would tax the capacity of a high-power microscope. It is an attempt

to create a class of self-appointed elect. It reminds us of the old adage about the man trying to lift himself up by his boot-straps. It is an effort to parody an institution foreign and antagonistic, to the basic principles, of our social structure—Europe's decadent hereditary aristocracies. 'By their fruits,' not by their roots, 'ye shall know them' is the American doctrine and yet, my friends, sad to relate, today free-born American men of brains and energy are breaking their health, even breaking the laws of God and man, in order to amass money wherewith their families can break into what is called 'high society.'"

Among the amendments to the constitution were the following:

"Smoking in open Lodge is prohibited and the Master is responsible for the strict enforcement of this law."

"Masons are prohibited from appearing in public drinking saloons in their Masonic clothing and any Mason thus offending shall be disciplined."

We should say so.

The Committee on Masonic correspondence has an exceedingly interesting report of 300 pages, including statistics of all Grand Lodges of North America and a splendid index referring to the subjects discussed in the review.

Alberta, 1916 and 1917, are both given attention.

Lodges, 858. Membership, 148,055. Gain, 9,153.

Austin H. Scrogin, Lexington-----Grand Master

Isaac Cutter, Camp Point-----Grand Secretary

INDIANA

(100th Year)

Ninety-sixth Annual Meeting held at Indianapolis, May 22nd, 1917.

According to their custom of recent years, this Grand Lodge assembled at 9 o'clock for a "preliminary program" of music and an address. We would like to quote from this address as follows (pages 7 and 8):

"Brothers mine, Masonry is neither mist nor moonshine, neither numblind ritual nor mysterious secrecy. It is rather an ordained instrument to be used for breaking shackles, opening prison doors of tyranny, tearing diadems from the brows of despots, overthrowing every throne of autocracy, and establishing liberty of body, brain and soul throughout the whole earth.

"Masonry owes something to the world. Masonry stands forever for certain things, and it stands forever against certain things, and this knowledge and purpose should be made known

to the whole world. I am becoming more and more earnest in my desire that Masonry shall find some influential and potent point of contact with the needs of the world and our whole social and governmental order, to the end that the soul of Masonry may touch the soul of the world—that the healing oil of Masonry may be poured upon the running sore of the world.

"I believe that we shall be untrue to the high and noble mission of Masonry if we refuse to exhibit our worthy and world-needed principles outside the sacred precincts of the Lodge room. The red heart of Masonry is, and must be, the pulsing life of a decent and orderly civilization. It is the intangible, immaterial and indefinable something that gives beauty to a rose, inspiration to a song, grandeur to a temple, glory to a character, and enduring nobility to a nation's life.

"American Masonry must not fail. We have undertaken to lead mankind from the swamps of ignorance and darkness up to the delectable mountains and to the plains of peace. The eye of the Great Master is upon us—the 'Ineffable Word' must not again be lost. The plans on our trestle-board must be wrought into the struture of an enduring divilization."

In the Grand Master's address, under the heading "Our Obligation and Our Duty" we find these:—

"We stand today upon the threshold of an uncertain future."

"We are not on the verge of war; we are in war; waged the most cruelly and relentlessly since Attila, 'The Scourge of God,' roamed the plains of Sunny Italy with his hordes of Huns and Vandals, fifteen hundred years ago.

"We stand at a parting of the ways. To the East we behold the scintillating darts of the rising sun of a new righteousness and consequently of a new civilization. We shall not go backward. We shall not stand still. We shall go forward.

"It is a profound error to declare we go into this war as to a sacrifice. It would be false to asseverate, even in a limited manner, that we enter this conflict merely to pay a debt. For while we do pay a debt when we enter it we pay a debt not to any other country, not to any other people; we pay a debt to God and to mankind—a debt we contracted when 'the Lord God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.'

"God never created one man as governor of or the ruler over another man. God never intended I should be your ruler, guide and monitor, merely because my name is Tuthill and your name is Jones.

"God did intend that we shall do our duty and do our whole duty. A performance of that duty is not a sacrifice, it is merely the fulfillment of an obligation.

"Our obligation is supreme. Our sense of duty should be even greater than our consciousness of obligation.

"Masonry has always stood for God, for country, for mankind.

"Masonry places God first, our country second, our brother third.

"When we fight this war we fight for God; fighting for God, we fight for country; fighting for country, we fight for civilization; fighting for civilization, we fight for our wives, our children, our brethren."

This Grand Master, like his illustrious Brother of Tennessee, finds much or most of promise for permanent growth in smaller Lodges. He, too, seems to have covered a great portion of his field and with his eyes open.

Two pages devoted to review of Alberta.

Harry B. Tuthill-----Grand Master

Calvin W. Prather-----Grand Secretary

IOWA

Seventy-fourth Annual Communication, held at Waterloo, June, 1917.

Inserted in the proceedings is a map of the state showing the counties and the location of every Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

Prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge the British, French and American flags were each presented by a girl dressed in the nurse's uniform of the Red Cross and were received by P.G.M. Louis Block who responded in three eloquent speeches as the flags were presented. What about the flag of Italy?

Grand Master Thomas Arthur, in his address, referred to the fact that Grand Lodge had laid corner stones of fifteen public buildings and said: "The ceremony is instructive, inspiring and ornate and enlightening to the public and I am glad the demand for it is increasing."

Only one dispensation to establish a new Lodge was granted and one refused.

Five general schools of instruction were held during the year under the control of the Board of Custodians, assisted by District Lecturers.

The Grand Master referred with pride to the work of the National Masonic Research Society for the existence of which the Grand Lodge of Iowa is primarily responsible. The Journal of this Society, "The Builder," has prepared a complete and comprehensive course of study of Masonry that has been adopted in several Grand Jurisdictions.

Iowa has an excellent library. They have two sizes of traveling libraries, thirty-five sets in all, that are available to Lodges for ninety days on application to the Grand Librarian. The Re-

search Committee prepared and sent out during the year to each Lodge four lectures, "The Symbolism of the First Degree," "Symbolism—The Hiram Legend and the Master's Word," "Some Deeper Aspects of Masonic Symbolism" and "A Story of Old Glory." The last named and also a lecture entitled "The Oldest Working Tools" are illustrated by lantern slides.

It was decided to present past elective Grand Officers with jewels in the form of pins or badges instead of aprons. Good idea!

The total receipts for the year were \$65,373.42, of which \$16,000.00 was transferred to Grand Charity Fund and \$1000 to Red Cross Fund.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is excellent. Alberta, 1916, is ably reviewed and extended quotations are made from the address of G.M. Taylor referring to "The War" and "Intellectual Masonry."

Lodges, 529; membership, 56,592; gain, 2623.

John W. Barry, Cedar Rapids-----Grand Master

Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids-----Grand Secretary

IRELAND

The report of this Grand Lodge contains a splendid photo-graveure of the reception room, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, in which is placed the Cetwode Crawley Library.

Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Sir Charles A. Cameron, C.B.M.D., presided at this meeting in the absence of Grand Master The Earl of Donoughmore, which absence is explained by the following:—

"I am off to India with the Secretary of State on a political deputation and expect to be away for three or four months. We are not going just yet, but the actual date of our departure is naturally being kept secret as improving our chance of getting there! I am sure you will kindly apologise for me at the December meeting in Dublin; I shall be very disappointed if I cannot preside at the March Communication."

We quote the following from the Deputy Grand Master's address:

"I have read very carefully the admirable report of our excellent Deputy Grand Secretary. It contains an unusual amount of information, more especially from the Masonic Provinces. It is only a very few years ago since any formal reports have been received from the various Provinces in Ireland. But every year the number increases, and this year nearly all the Provincial Grand Lodges have sent in reports either through their grand Masters, or Deputy Grand Masters

or Grand Secretaries. So important do I consider it that these reports should be regularly and periodically furnished that at the last installation of the Provincial Grand Master of the Midland Counties, I introduced for the first time into the obligation the Grand Master took, that he would seek or cause to be sent regularly every year a report of the condition and status of Masonry in his Province so that it might be read at the meeting on St. John's Day in winter, or embodied in the general report by our Secretary. All the reports up to the present time have been most favourable. It is an extraordinary thing to say that year after year since the war commenced the number of members recruited has been greater and greater. At the present time, I suppose, we have on the books of our various Lodges, a greater number of members than we ever had, even greater than in that flourishing period of Masonry about 120 years ago.

"I observe in the report of the Deputy Grand Master of Antrim, in which reference is made to the toast and salute of 'The Masonic Charities,' and pointing out that 'our poor and distressed Brethren' is the most ancient form and that universally adopted in England and Scotland. I hope that the ancient form of this toast will be observed on their menu cards. These ancient forms ought not to be lightly departed from. With regard to the salute given to the toast, the Grand Lodge of Instruction some years ago recommended that the salute should be that of an Entered Apprentice, and that was confirmed, but at the same time in my opinion there is much to be said in favour of the salute of a Fellow Craft being substituted therefor."

Also the following in conclusion:—

"In the meantime, Brethren, keep up your hearts. I think there is much in the rallying cry of 'Carry on,' which was the watchword in great circles in England some time ago. To be depressed is foolish and unreasonable, therefore, let us be hopeful, but not exuberant. There is a great difference between exuberance, which is unsuited to the present time, and hopefulness. Let us be hopeful that our period of anxiety and anguish is near its termination, and that within another year we shall be restored to harmony, peace and plenty. Applause)."

The reports received from a few Military Lodges show great difficulty in holding meetings, irregularity always and long breaks when no meetings could be held.

A committee has been at work classifying and arranging the library of our late R.W. Brother Chetwode Crawley with the view of placing it at the disposal of our Irish Brothers.

"Chain letters" are duly and politely placed at one side.

Seven warrants for new Lodges were issued during the year.

KANSAS

Sixty-first Annual Communication, held at Wichita, on February 21st and 22nd, 1917.

Membership, 45,684. Net gain, 1622.

The Grand Master, in his address, pays glowing tribute to M.W. Bro. William M. Shaver, G.M., of Kansas Grand Lodge in '97-'8, whose death occurred during the last year.

Under the head of "Discipline" he reports about 40 Lodges in error for conferring degrees within the specified time of four weeks, without dispensation, and also the usual difficulties over "Jurisdiction." We especially note his treatment of a Mason selling so-called "ritual."

 DECISIONS

We agree heartily with decisions rendered except the one (No. 4) relative to a Brother or Brothers of another Grand Jurisdiction conferring the work of that Grand Jurisdiction within the Kansas Jurisdiction if there be a difference between these works. Grand Master Lamb ruled this a violation of Masonic Law. Of course, not knowing the circumstances, we are unable to judge, but if such were done by courtesy or on request, or for purpose of comparison, such law is, in our opinion, a detriment to the welfare of the Craft. Any differences in the "Works" are trivial compared to the general uniformity, which all agree is the essential, and friendly exchanges are conducive to better feelings of unity and fellowship. We grow more and more afraid of the fellow who thinks his is the best and only. Germany, for instance.

We heartily appreciated the account of G.M. Lamb's visit, while Grand Master of Kansas Grand Lodge, to his mother Lodge at Boswell, Ind. He found only two Brothers who could vouch for him.

During the year the Masonic home of Kansas was burned, December 22, 1916. The children were all rescued but five lives were lost. Followed a complete statement to the fraternity of the State and an appeal for the purpose of reconstruction. In the meantime a temporary building was erected.

Alberta was not noted in their Foreign correspondence.

Giles H. Lamb-----Grand Master

 KANSAS

The 62nd Annual Communication was held at Topeka on February 20th and 21st, 1918.

M.W. Bro. Charles E. Lobdell was present but obliged on account of illness to request the Deputy Grand Master to preside.

He reports many and strenuous labors for the years, among them the Grand Lodge building finished and equipped at a cost of \$107,760.54 and the Masonic Home rebuilt. He refers to the war in part as follows, speaking of the success which must be attained:—

“This, however, my countrymen, means sacrifice; ghastly sacrifice. It means that hearts must be broken, homes desolated, and fortunes poured into the melting pot. It means that we must each be ready to sacrifice if need be all that we hold dear save honor on the altar of our country. We are not all privileged to put on the uniform and take a place in the ranks, but there is plenty that each may do. Financial sacrifice we all can make, and must make. When our country calls for funds, it is not a question of what we can do conveniently, but what we can do by the utmost sacrifice. It is a loan and not a gift, but if it were a gift it should make no difference.

“When our young men are offering their lives and all that young life holds dear, the man is a coward and a slacker that will not put his last dollar behind the boys in the ranks. This is a war of resources as well as of men, and unless our united resources are ungrudgingly cast into the balance the struggle cannot be won, and the sooner we wake to this realization the sooner it will all be over.

“I do not conceive that any distinctive action by the Masonic Institution as such is called for, or even desirable, but I do urge most earnestly that every Masonic agency be placed at the disposal of the Government and respond with Masonic thoroughness, promptness, and fidelity to any call that may be made upon it.

“The crisis of the times are not, however, military and financial alone. The world will never be again as it was before. Social, civic and economic orders are changing. Already a great autocracy has fallen, and the largest contiguous empire in the world is prostrate in the throes of a reaction of anarchy and chaos. In our own, the most democratic of nations, we stand aghast at the delegation of centralized and autocratic power more complete than any autocrat dare assert. This is not said in criticism, but is noted with pleasure, for it is the supreme test of power in a Republic that in moments of stress, individual rights and individual power are centralized, yielded and delegated; but that power must be returned to the people, and centralized power is never readily surrendered.

“We expect a cardinal clause in the final treaty of peace to be the disbanding of navies and the disarmament of nations, with a court of nations to protect the democracy of the world.”

In answering a request from the G.M. of the Grand Lodge, District of Columbia, Deputy Grand Master Wm. J. Stuart says:

“After careful consideration, I have come to the conclusion that, while there would be nothing wrong in addressing a communication to all of our Lodges suggesting patriotic demonstrations, and co-operation with the National Security

League in the campaign conducted by it, and that while as Masons we should one and all join with common humanity in promoting all things that may be necessary to bring victory to us and our Allies in this most brutish war now being waged by Germany against the democracy of the world, I am inclined to the opinion that we should do all of those things as loyal American citizens, regardless of political affiliation, religion, or race, and not as a special and select fraternity. It seems to me that we, as Masons, should not assume to possess any special loyalty or degree of devotion, or assume to be burdened with special duty not common to every patriotic American citizen. If Masons are to perform their full duty to their country, I cannot help but think that they had better perform that obligation in such a way as to inspire the feeling of the public generally, that what is done because of a common responsibility of citizenship, rather than of any special fraternal duty."

A clear-cut shifting of the responsibility where it belongs—to the individual.

The Deputy Grand Master handles the question of Military Lodges in thorough manner in answer to a request re the formation of one. His reply is worthy of a full quotation.

"My Dear Sir and Brother: The petition of yourself and other Brethren addressed to the Most Worshipful Grand Master Charles E. Lobdell, asking for letters of dispensation to form a Military Lodge U.D., under authority of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, has in the absence of Bro. Lobdell from the State, been referred to me. After giving the matter careful and due consideration, I have come to the conclusion that it is neither expedient or desirable to grant such letters of dispensation. To do so would be to act contrary to the rulings already laid down on this subject by previous Grand Masters.

"In the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas of 1866, page 15, it is said in relation to Military Lodges:

"Now when these Lodges have ceased to exist, truly, indeed, it is said that the "questions raised" are of the most grave and serious import. The Grand Lodge of Kansas has cause to rejoice that she unhesitatingly refused to give the sanction of her Masonic authority to a single military Lodge, and may congratulate herself that none of those Masonic Ishmaelites can trace their pater-nity to her indiscretion."

"The history of Military Lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions have proven most unsatisfactory. Most Worshipful Thomas J. Turner, Grand Master of Illinois, in his address to the Grand Lodge of Illinois in 1865, concerning Military Lodges, had this to say:

"Previous to my installation several dispensations had been granted by my predecessor to open Military Lodges in the army then in the field. I have never been fully informed as to the extent of the powers granted by these dispensations, but I suppose they did not confer

any authority to invade foreign Jurisdictions and make Masons from the citizen soldiery of other States. In all the dispensations for Military Lodges granted by me, Jurisdiction was limited to the single regiment of Illinois troops to which the dispensation was granted. I am led to believe that some of the Military Lodges working under dispensation from our Jurisdiction have greatly abused their privileges, and brought reproach upon our Order. Instead of confining their operation to Illinois regiments and troops exclusively, as they ought to have done, they made Masons indiscriminately from soldiers and citizens of other States, with very little regard for the kind of material used. Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri have especial cause to complain in this respect.

“M.W. Brethren Geo. W. Washburne, Grand Master of Wisconsin; A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Master of Minnesota, and E. A. Guilbert, Grand Master of Iowa, in the most fraternal manner, called my attention to the fact that these Military Lodges were in the habit of making Masons of citizens belonging to their respective Jurisdictions, and that candidates had been admitted whose characters wholly disqualified them from becoming Masons. As soon as these facts became known to me, I at once addressed letters to the Masters of all the Military Lodges working under dispensations from our Jurisdiction, instructing them not to receive or act upon the petition of anyone who was not known to be a citizen of the State of Illinois. About that time most of our Military Lodges suspended work, and, the war being closed, they ceased to exist, having done some good and much mischief. I would fraternally ask our Sister Grand Lodges to overlook errors which were not designed or sanctioned by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge of Illinois.’

“There is one question connected with our Military Lodges to which I invite your careful attention. What is to be the status of Masons who were made in those Lodges? The Lodges ceased to exist when the war closed. Some of them had been broken up through the long marches and hard fighting which immediately preceded the cessation of hostilities; the Brethren have no dimits, and in many cases cannot procure even certificates of having been made Masons, some have received only one, and other only two degrees. They are all Masons, and will naturally seek affiliation with Masons when they return to their homes. How that affiliation shall be accomplished, and how those who seek advancement shall be disposed of, are questions of grave importance, and of sufficient magnitude to demand your prompt attention.

“In behalf of the Brethren who have been made Masons in our Military Lodges from citizens of other States than Illinois, I would fraternally ask that our Sister Grand Lodges adopt some plan by which they may, if

found worthy, become affiliated with Lodges in their respective Jurisdictions.'

"That part of his address above quoted, was referred to a Committee on Grand Master's Addresses, who submitted the following as their report thereon:

" 'Very grave and serious questions are raised by so much of the address as related to Military Lodges and their action.

" 'Either by direct authority of the Grand Lodge in dispensations conferred, or by usurpation of power in those to whom the dispensations were committed, it is clear that the rights of sister Grand Lodges have been repeatedly invaded. Masons have been made not only of citizen soldiery of Illinois in the field, but also of known citizens of loyal and disloyal States, under apparent authority from this Grand Lodge. For those who were thus made Masons, and who reside in this Jurisdiction, this Grand Lodge should provide by recognizing them as such, and a resolution to that effect is appended. For those who have been made Masons, and who of right belong to other Jurisdictions, this Grand Lodge can do no more than to request the appropriate Grand Bodies where they may permanently reside to adopt them into the general Brotherhood, if in other respects found worthy, and thus to heal the breach which has been made in the walls.

" 'It is to be hoped that this experience will forever close the question of travelling Lodges operating within regular Foreign Jurisdictions.'

"I desire also to call your attention to the Grand Lodge of California on this subject. It says:

" 'An Army Lodge is an anomaly in Masonry. Its meetings are held at any place where the exigencies of the military service may cause a temporary encampment. If held in our own country, such meetings are necessarily an invasion of the Jurisdiction of other regularly constituted Lodges. During the clash of battle in our late Civil War, it sometimes happened that Army Lodges, with their charters and records, were swept from existence, and the unfortunate members of such Lodges were thus deprived of membership, without limits or other records to show that they have received the degrees of Masonry in a regularly chartered Masonic Lodge.'

"There are many other authorities holding to the same effect but it would seem unnecessary to quote them further. For the good of the Fraternity generally, throughout not only the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas, but throughout the world, I am constrained to deny your petition for letters of dispensation for such military Lodge.

"Fraternally yours,

Wm. I. STUART."

Thus spake the Judge.

The finances of the Grand Lodge are in first-class condition and the contributions of the Subordinate Lodges most generous.

A table showing the proportions of Masons per 1000 of white population in different states is interesting. Could it be accompanied by a critical diagnosis of care as to qualifications of applicants also in proportion, it would make an illuminating document. The proportion runs between 23.9 and 133.8, the former being in Utah and the latter in the District of Columbia.

Seventy-six volumes of reports from other Grand Lodges are reviewed by Matthew M. Miller, P.G.M., and he gives what is evidently a new Masonic ruling in his Massachusetts review—it must be a ruling as he cites it a fact—that Euclid Book 1, problem 47 is the “pons asinorum.” If one remembers rightly that particular bridge was crossed long before the 47th.

Lodges, 418. Members, 48,157. An increase of 2,473. Districts, 73.

William I. Stuart-----Grand Master
Albert K. Wilson-----Grand Secretary

LOUISIANA

One hundred and sixth Annual Communication, held at New Orleans, February 5-7, 1917.

Under the heading “Foreign Relations” the Grand Master has this to say:—

“And, in this connection, I believe the time has come when the Brethren of a great nation should be recognized as being within our lines. When Abou Ben Adhem, and again ‘may his tribe increase,’ who loved his fellow man to such an extent that he did not realize in his inner consciousness that he loved his God, looked upon the record of the Recording Angel to see who had been registered as loving God, he found that his name led all the rest.

“He prayeth well, who loveth well
Both man and bird and beast;
He prayeth best who loveth best
All things, both great and small
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.”

“And, in the darkest days of the infant American republic, when this great nation was in its swaddling clothes, and when the moving spirits were members of our Craft, there were a people across the seas who came to our rescue and support, without fee and without hope of reward. The present day republican form of government has been developed and made stable by this brilliant people. And, in the making of American history the names of the sons of France are so closely intermingled with those of America that it is difficult for

an historian to say whether the patriots of the colonies made our government possible, or whether our French Brethren did so.

"A comparison of the Declaration of Principles in Anderson's Ancient Constitutions and in the present Book of Constitutions of the Grand Orient of France does not show that difference which has been claimed to exist, and which has been the basis of withdrawal of recognition from the Masons of this great country."

He recommends a clearer statement of Jurisdictional control enabling an applicant to easily interpret his standing in the Lodge Jurisdiction. Also that minimum dues in a Lodge be \$6.00, including Grand Lodge fee of \$1.00. That dispensation be not granted for public Installations or Joint Installations with other than Masonic bodies, and we heartily approve. That 60 days intervene between 1st and 2nd also 2nd and 3rd degree for any candidate, also compulsory attendance during these periods on any work in Lodge in degrees already received, and lastly, that within 90 days after 3rd degree is conferred candidate be able to show himself in possession of lecture of that degree, failing which he is (a) ineligible for any office in the Lodge (b) ineligible to receive a dimit from his Lodge.

Ruling 63. Exception taken. The Grand Master's ruling, as well as remarks re "Bodies" of so-called "higher degrees" in the earlier part of his address, are well within this province, provided he make them absolutely general. The attempt to leave out one of these bodies of "Higher Degrees" and to place it within the bounds of "Regular" Masonry is both unfair and unwarranted. This is a good example of one of the "thorns" that make trouble in Masonic ranks. Going back to the beginning of this address I remember the expression "Door-Mat" used to designate a treatment sometimes dealt to Blue Lodges by candidates. I have seen such attitude and always deplore it. I've found it by no means confined to aspirants for the Shrine. Shriners are either Knights Templar or Consistory men and it has been my lot to see and learn of quite as much of this attitude on the part of the latter as the former. Let us avoid building fences, M.W. Sir, just now anyway. That is the basis of the trouble in Europe. It is high time to induce more Masonic unity by avoiding even the semblance of a "Holier than thou" attitude toward any **Body of Masons**. Let us be rather, as we are, ONE on the floor of the Blue Lodge and that alone the whole of Craft Masonry. We cannot afford to build fences within this body just now. We all need each other too much—also—Ruling 79, Page 84. There were 93 rulings reported.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois bases its refusal to recognize the so-called Grand Lodge of Panama on the fact that these "constituent" Lodges in Panama are not of proper origin, i.e., did not originate through or from a Grand Lodge. We agree entirely with them in their opinion and attitude. See May copy of the "Builder", pages 146 and 147.

We note and approve the use of "Constituent" Lodge instead of "Subordinate" Lodge.

The Alberta report is not reviewed in this annual report of Foreign Correspondence.

With the resolutions and recommendations of our sister Grand Lodge of Manitoba our Louisiana Brothers of the F.C. Committee take great exception. We would respectfully refer them to a very Masonic and very fair report on this matter by a special, and evidently very capable Committee (Utah). We agree with our Manitoba Brothers and also those of Utah. We are weary of such Fence-building in Masonry and, anyway, it appears that some things have somehow managed to become tagged as "Landmarks" in Masonry that are not so at any stage. We would like to quote one sentence entire from this address.

"I look forward to the rapidly approaching time when the evil effects of organizations which claim to be Masonic, because composed exclusively of Masons, or because fastened upon the Masonic organization, will be innocuous, either because under the ban of the Masons or because of internal reformation."

We quote the comment on Grand Master's "Rulings" by the Maryland correspondent:—

"Ninety-three rulings are reported, interesting to those who have time to consider them, as the Grand Master seems to have had at his disposal."

See Foreign Correspondence of New Jersey Grand Lodge re Alabama, p. 6.

B.B. Purser-----Grand Master

MAINE

Ninety-eighth Annual Communication, held at Portland, May 1st, 1917.

The opening page of the Grand Master's address rings true to the Allied cause in this hour of momentous issues. His pen swings clear, with a definite vision and clearly cut purpose to guide it and is dimmed by no halting, carefully worded, yet "safe" phrases about the blessings of "peace," and horrors of war, the appalling and disturbing and Unmasonic strife; the unctuous "prayer" that the "G.A.O.T.U. may speedily end this frightful waste of life and deluge of sorrow." Echoing through my memory of the past are some lines of an old hymn about "His slumbering not, and sleeping ne'er." It seems to me that if He did, in the agony of this conflict, rest for one moment, THE disturbing thought of that moment to the G.A.O.T.U. would be—such a general, wholesale, prayer, coming by "Mail" or "Express." He could at least do a little forceful education had the ardent maker of the prayer made "personal delivery."

There is no photograph of G.M. Pettengill. I am sorry. I'd like to see one, and, much more, meet him. In the labor of this

review I've enjoyed looking at all these faces e'er passing on to the actual work. Whenever I have met one of these "Prayers," or these wallings, and hesitating espousals of the cause of Democracy and freedom, I have been too disappointed to go much further with that review and when, along with such, I have found nearly a page of "Pedigree" and almost as much "Masonic History," I have grown too disturbed to think, let alone write and think. These be poor days for any but those of stout hearts, clear vision, strong hands, and, for us in America, a firm march directed East. "Over There" today, they whisper in the trench about your brotherly hand and kindly heart, not your pedigree, and when a stretcher carries away a broken body, above any medal or order, the wounded lad prizes the longing look and lingering clasp of his fellows who hate to lose a good Knight,—like "Tommy" of J. M. Barrie's story. I've been two hours hunting for the right word and I think I have it. There are more "Knights" in the hospitals and graves of France and England than any nation ever knew before, but—they are not all registered and tagged. I think we all would like to see such second-hand glory less in evidence in things Masonic. Under "Decisions" we find this:

"The knowledge and labor of my predecessors in the office of Grand Master have made the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge so plain that it is seldom that new questions arise that require a ruling. None such have arisen this year, and all the questions asked were answered by former rulings or the action of the Grand Lodge. I would recommend that the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge be read frequently by the Brethren and for the benefit of all the Craft, thereby saving the asking of questions already answered."

Which corroborates our suggestion in another review, viz., that the Constitution of Grand Lodge be clearly stated on these vexing and frequent problems and that the officers of Lodges be required to become better acquainted with their Constitution.

The Grand Secretary's difficulties (some of them) are found in the following:—

"The returns came in about as usual. Ten had to be written for and it took fifty letters to straighten them all out. There is always at least one new Secretary who has not notified the Grand Lodge of the change of officers, and the returns have gone to the old Secretary and are lost. It takes two or three letters to ascertain who the new officers are and to get the Lodge on the track again."

We note this by the Grand Secretary:—

"In 1856, when I first had the honor of serving Grand Lodge, there were 85 Lodges with 3211 members." It is no wonder Grand Master Pettengill recommended an expression of appreciation by the Masons of Maine. In accordance with this recommendation, Bro. Berry was made "Grand Secretary, Emeritus ad Vitam" with monthly payment of salary as before."

Alberta affairs are reviewed for 1916 with favourable comment generally, an exception occurring when referring to "Joint Installation Services." The reviewer wonders how such could be done for Lodge or Lodges which do meet in same place. What about machinery being warped? is the drift of this mild criticism. We will only say that we in Alberta like to have the machine serve us, not vice versa. In great things it might be better to avoid this danger (?) but Installation is perhaps less important than some things. We think this is the old question of AN Institution, founded to **serve** and **benefit** and **help** man, becoming, later, so strong and important that man must serve it. The Institutions must be upheld, at **any** cost, let the individual suffer. Some such Institutional demands are strengthened by the claim of "Divine appointment," and then begins the persecution.

Members, 31,855. Gain, 527.

M.W. Bro. Waldo Pettengill-----Grand Master
Stephen Berry, Portland-----Grand Secretary

MANITOBA

Forty-second Annual Communication, held at Winnipeg, June 13, 1917.

We would like, if space and time permitted, to quote entire the address of Grand Master Bletcher. It touches first on the ideals and aims of Masonry, its growth and progress to the present system of instruction, and deals very fairly but fully with the difference between the Masonic Ideal and that of German militarism and propaganda. One is the Ideal of "Mercy, Justice and Truth," and the other that of cruelty, robbery and lies.

"Our boys have died as a protest against all the false standards which have so long made the nations an armed camp of sweltering slaves. They will have died in vain; first, if the fight does not go on to a victory which is beyond question; secondly, if the peace which is made is a small peace; thirdly, if militarism does not receive its death-blow, no matter who tries to becloud the issue, or wantonly call upon our illustrious dead in favor of keeping the nations in arms, according to the gospel of preparedness which is the gospel of distrust and hate."

It is significant that, while dealing faithfully with matters purely local, he still returns to the one dominating and o'erwhelming subject, "The War," in some manifestation of its utter antagonism to everything Masonic. We quote:

"I cannot close without discussing at some length the future relationship of Masonry to the public. Three years ago such stated intention on the part of a speaker would have been silently and instantly challenged by most of his auditors, some of whom would have assumed the same relationship to subsist in the future as in the past, while others would have doubted the existence of any relationship, or would have

presumed it to be of a purely formal nature. But today, with our minds in a state of flux, we are constantly assimilating new ideas and discarding old beliefs and prejudices. The stiffness of our mental joints has been driven away by exercise and new propositions are not necessarily things to startle us. That Masonry has a relation to the future we can readily understand when we recollect the universality of Masonic teaching, the broad generality with which it broods over all the activities of men, the ease with which its principles apply to the conduct of affairs of all kinds. The reason for this is not far to seek, for as a learned Brother says of it: 'Masonry is a representation of human life with all its hopes and aspirations serving as the source of an optimistic philosophy, and with all its failures serving but to emphasize the greater need of courage. Woven into the Masonic fabric are all the experiences of the lives of our Masonic ancestors, sometimes in bright colors and unmistakable outlines, sometimes dull and indistinct, but all there.'

"We are now nearly ready to talk prose about it, to recognize it is no more Divine than the home, the school, the court of justice, the hospital or any other upward-looking institution. In other words, we are beginning to see more humanity in it without losing our belief in its Divinity. We recognize that no simple definition will ever describe it, for its lineaments are not the same to every man. To one it is charity, to another fraternity, to another pure religion, and so on indefinitely.

"And what is civilization? It is a plant rooted in the warm South, spreading towards the North, but not yet blooming in all its northern branches. It contains the moral law of old Egypt, the free spirit of ancient Greece, the soul of Judea, the breadth and strength of Roman justice, the native kindness of the freedom-loving races of southern Europe. There is nothing of the harsh north in it. It is fighting today as it has fought many times before, the northern barbarian, but never before was there opposed to it the filthy savagery with which it is now contending, a savagery void of morality, of decency, of justice, and as slimy as the scum of the northern marshes whence it comes. For three years we have waited to hear from German so-called Masonry a disavowal, even if a veiled one, to protect itself from the militarism which is its master, of its concurrence in the despicable conduct of its country's armed forces, but nothing has come save assertions of conscious rectitude, the insincerity of which deceives no one. We doubt the veracity of a Masonry that is absolutely devoid of that moral courage which is the culmination of our Masonic teaching. We doubt that Masonry which, like the people who profess it, yields, with every manifestation of fawning delight, its conscience to the dictates of a vile military aristocracy. Once again the fact is borne upon us that Masonry can flourish only among a free people exercising the right of private judgment in the things of the spirit.

"We have heard from eye-witnesses and read in official reports of the destruction of life, and the horrible cruelties,

in all theatres of war, perpetrated by German troops, even by German officers whom our enemies are pleased to call 'high-born.' We have heard of the destruction of cathedrals such as Rheims, the noblest pile in Europe, the creation of our ancestors in the Craft, the Cathedral-builders of the Middle Ages, but no word of regret has come from German so-called Masons, nothing except their excommunication, at the behest of the military aristocracy, of the Masons of the Free Peoples for complicity in the war.

"Recently we have received documentary evidence that German so-called Masonry, like everything else within Germany, and some things without that unhappy country, has eaten of the loco-weed of German imperialism, and is serving as a medium for the worship of Kultur, otherwise, Force."

"We do not glorify war, we regard it as an evil that must be suppressed. Let us guard ourselves from unnecessary military celebrations within our lodge-rooms, for such are contrary to the spirit of Masonry. Let us in the immediate future have peace celebrations, International nights, Welcome nights for our returned Brethren from the front, Memorial meetings for those who have fallen, but no military nights for the glorification of militarism."

The Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence has treated its work topically rather than along the beaten path. While this is not the usual way, it is a good way and we congratulate the Committee on their work. When we consider the boldness of some steps in Masonic initiative we marvel at the reluctance displayed by some good Brothers at far less radical "departure from the beaten path." Their Committee recommend fraternal relations with France. Good!

Henry E. Bletcher-----Grand Master

MARYLAND

One hundred and thirty-first Annual Communication, held at Baltimore, November 20, 1917.

A short address by visiting Brother Brig. Gen. James D. McLachlan, a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Military Attache to the British Embassy at Washington, expressive of fraternal greeting and Masonic fellowship as well as that of united effort in a great world move preceded regular work. Bro. Wm. F. Broening, P.M. of Washington Lodge No. 3, in behalf of M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, presented with fitting expressing of his appreciation of the occasion a handsome bronze bust of Gen. Geo. Washington in Masonic Regalia, to Grand Lodge of Maryland. There is no address by Grand Master Shryock.

Alberta affairs are briefly reviewed. We are mildly rapped for tardy appreciation of the manifest liberality of tendency in Masonic affairs today. It must be we deserve it. What about France and Mexico? We recognize the Philippine Islands. The comment is: "The sun rises late in the West."

Thomas J. Shryock-----Grand Master

MASSACHUSETTS

One hundred and eighty-third Annual Communication, held at Boston, December, 1916.

As usual, the proceedings of this Grand Lodge are reported at great length. The report is a volume of about 1000 pages and illustrated with many excellent pictures of persons, places and things interesting to the Masonic student of any country. This Grand Lodge still holds quarterly communications and a stated communication on December 27th.

Grand Master Melvin M. Johnson took a strong stand on the question of precedence of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge in relation to other Masonic bodies than those of the three Symbolic degrees. He said in part:

"There were Masters and Grand Masters years before any one invented or fabricated the ornamental, instructive, and honorary Degrees conferred by bodies presided over in these latter years by High Priests, Eminent and Puissant Commanders, etc. No one can take any other Masonic Degrees unless, he has first received those of the symbolic or so-called Blue Lodge. The Degree of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason are fundamental. And the organized governing body of the Blue Lodge can deal Masonically with all Masons within its territorial jurisdiction whether affiliated or not.

"While the Grand Lodge cannot govern the other bodies, it is, nevertheless, the supreme authority of the Jurisdiction. It is the Grand Lodges who have determined what other bodies are or are not Masonic. Grand Lodge recognition has been in the past, as it must be in the future, the final test. No other Masonic body could live if there were not Third Degree Masons from whom to receive applications.

"On the other hand, the Grand Lodge alone may expel from Masonry. The phrase, "expelled from Masonry" means just what it says. It is not expulsion from the First, or Second or Third Degree. Expulsion from Masonry is Masonic death."

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"When, therefore, the Grand Master is officially present at any Masonic function whatever within the limits controlled by his Grand Lodge, he is the ranking Masonic officer present and must be received and accommodated accordingly."

It is this Grand Lodge that set the seal of approval on the regularity of the Grand Lodge of Panama. The agreement between the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and of Panama is to the effect that the Grand Lodge of Panama has exclusive jurisdiction in the republic of Panama except the "Canal Zone" with the further right to receive and act upon applications from citizens of the said republic even if those citizens reside in the "Canal Zone." The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts is to have exclusive jurisdiction in the Canal Zone with the provision that its Lodges

may receive and act upon petitions from English-speaking citizens of the United States even though they may live outside the "Canal Zone" in the Republic of Panama.

A number of Grand Lodges, however, are not satisfied and have refused as yet to recognize the Grand Lodge of Panama.

Included in the proceedings are four lectures on Masonic Jurisprudence by R.W. Bro. Roscoe Pound, LL.D., and one on "The Ancient Mysteries" by W. Bro. R. Berry Bush, D.D. All these lectures are eminently worth while for any Masonic student.

Lodges, 261. Membership, 70,147. Gain, 1,377.

Leon M. Abbott, Brooklyn-----Grand Master

Frederick W. Hamilton-----Grand Secretary

MICHIGAN

Seventy-third Annual Communication, held at Lansing, May 22-24, 1917.

Subscription: \$10,000.00 to Liberty Loan; \$2,500.00 to American Red Cross.

New Lodges, 3.

The address of the Grand Master was full and concise, dealt with the usual matters of dispensations, rulings, ceremonies, and losses by death, also the Great War.

In this connection he most fittingly exhorts the Michigan fraternity to service and loyalty, without noise or ostentation. He recommends remission of Lodge dues of members on service, also permission to the Grand Master to aid such members when their local Lodge cannot.

The keynote of this excellent report of a very full year is service and progress.

MASONIC HOME

Total expense for one year in maintenance and upkeep—\$29,113.64.

Average expense per capita per week—\$6.91.

Eighty-three being cared for; 46 men, 37 women.

Address by R.W. Bro. Fead, at celebration of 200th Anniversary of 1717:—

" . . . We would not claim credit where it is not due but it is the fact that practically every great leader who wrote and talked for the rights of the people and against the reign of absolutism in the 18th century was a Mason. And the greatest work Masonry has ever done, or ever can do, in

whatever sphere its talents have been or may be called, and its crowning glory is that from its very birth as a speculative institution it taught boldly that the common man had rights which even princes were bound to respect, that the individual ought to be equal before the law and free to work out his destiny, and that a man's a man regardless of social condition or religious belief.

"In speaking to you of the past of Masonry, I have confined myself to what was, in my judgment, its greatest work and glory--the unrestrained outpouring of its soul and efforts in the firm establishment of the idea of individual freedom and right. Its influence, however, has not been confined to governmental affairs. In letters and art and science, in benevolence and morality and religion, in war and peace, in citizenship and statesmanship, in private and public, Masons have been and will be found working for the benefit of humanity, always with toleration, never with intolerance, always with love, not hate. The scope of Masonic activities has been bounded only by men's needs."

J. H. Hawks-----Grand Master

MINNESOTA

Sixty-fourth Annual Communication, held in St. Paul, January 17th-18th, 1917.

Lodges represented, 222, out of 264 in the State.

This Grand Lodge has \$70,000.10 on hand for Masonic Home for Widows, Orphans and Aged. A field day was held on February 22nd to secure \$1.00 from each of 30,000 members in the State.

Grand Master Pinkham voiced some strong convictions on his part with regard to more candidates than one at a time, and the general tendency to "rush" and "grind out" with a view to "get through."

Receipts, \$45,291.23.

Disbursements, \$21,350.24.

They have a "Board of Custodians of the Work," who undertake to conduct "Schools of Instruction." Both Board and Schools seem to be effectual.

We would like to pass along these lines, from the close of this thoughtful, careful, and very pointed address:

"My struggling soul may never gain the prize
It covets so.
It may not reach the Gate of Paradise
At sunset's glow.
But, I have faith, that, in the shadows blue
At set of sun,
I shall be judged by what I've tried to do,
Not what I've done."

M.W. Bro. Albert Berg-----Grand Master

R.W. Bro. John Fishel-----Grand Secretary

MISSISSIPPI

The 99th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Jackson, February 13-14, 1917.

An "Open Session" of addresses and a flag presentation preceded the regular opening of Grand Lodge.

We sympathize with our Mississippi Brothers in their financial burdens, but, after reading their Grand Master's five suggestions, or recommendations in this matter, we felt sure they would surely find their way beyond any "Shoals."

Under the heading "Charity Lodges" we think his advice is excellent. In the average of such cases there is little or no hope of settlement.

There is an increasing degree of objection to "Perpetual Jurisdiction" over rejected candidates and this, we think, is fair. The suggestion of uniform regulations in this is timely—but perhaps visionary.

There is a list of 25 decisions all of the usual trend.

We quote this from his closing remarks (page 50-51):

"I ran across this petition not long ago. Its language is a bit homely, but its truth is very evident; it gives us a glimpse of Practical Masonry:

"Teach me that sixty minutes make one hour, sixteen ounces one pound and one hundred cents one dollar.

"Help me so to live that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow and unhaunted by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain.

"Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may earn my meal ticket on the square and in doing so that I may not stick the gaff where it does not belong.

"Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money; blind me to the faults of the other fellow, but reveal to me my own.

"Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal.

"Keep me young enough to laugh with my children and lose myself in their play.

"And then when comes the smell of flowers and the tread of soft steps and the crush of the hearse's wheels on the gravel out in front of my place, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple, "Here lies a man."'"

Alberta affairs not reviewed.

M.W. Bro. G. F. Cullens-----Grand Master

NEBRASKA

Sixtieth Annual Communication, held at Omaha, June 5th and 6th, 1917.

Grand Master Andrew H. Viele says in the beginning of his address (page 694):

"When we look to the signs of the times, we see those countries who boast of their culture, their civilization, and aristocracy, grasping each other by the throat, sharpening their swords, tearing down from their fastenings the peaceful bells that were intended to call the people together to offer up their adorations to the great I AM, and moulding them into cannon and bullets with which to shed the blood of their fellowmen, those whom God has created in His Own image. Even our own fair land, where dwells a peace-loving people, has been caught in the whirlpool and has been drawn into the awful maelstrom. Is this the enlightened Twentieth Century, of which we so proudly boast?"

This sounds weak. He gives some space to the Masonic Home and the Boys' and Girls' Home. In connection with the former he advises that it is not wise to accept in the home mentally unbalanced people who might be termed "insane" and notes "If the Grand Lodge should otherwise conclude, then some arrangements must be made to properly care for such mentally unbalanced persons as may come to the home." The Grand Lodge put this sensible suggestion over for a year. A Masonic Home (and what a vision of peaceful refuge this should bring to the mind)—surely is no place for the insane.

Too much credit cannot be given for the excellent benevolent work in connection with Masonic Homes and Schools and for general relief work. Such items as: \$7,790.20 raised for Masonic War Relief Association, \$48,594.65 receipts of Grand Lodge, \$62,146.32 raised for Nebraska Masonic Home, \$2,087.13 for relief and care of orphans, and \$8,149.00 paid by Eastern Star for caring of children at Fremont, need no comment.

The Grand Master instances nine decisions. We quote three of them:

"3. A Brother pays dues in advance; wants demit. Should Lodge refund dues paid? Answer. Section CXXXVIII. requires Grand Lodge dues paid before granting demit. Honesty would suggest the return of the unearned local dues.

"4. A young man whose father lives at A goes to B to teach school, and casts his vote there. Can he petition the Lodge at A for the degrees? Answer. No. He lost his Masonic residence when he voted at B and would have to establish a Masonic residence before petitioning.

"6. A bridge foreman moving from place to place and living in boarding cars desires to apply to some Lodge for the degrees of Masonry. Answer. He will have to first establish a Masonic residence in some Lodge jurisdiction."

The latter decision seems to work a hardship on the bridge foreman if his company continues to keep him on the move.

He laid 14 cornerstones. In that of the Masonic Temple at Omaha he said:

"One of the interesting features of the ceremony was the gavel used. The history of this gavel is quite interesting. It was of great antiquity and came from an Egyptian tomb, being presented to the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by M.W. Bro. Geo. W. Lininger, Past Grand Master, who was present at the opening of the tomb when the gavel was found.

"This gavel was no myth, as it shows evidence of having been in actual service, and was undoubtedly used by some stone cutter. The nature of the wood was hard to determine, but it was much heavier than any now in use of equal size.

"One of the pleasant features of the occasion was the presence of three of the Brethren who forty years ago helped to lay the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple now being used. They were, George H. Thummel, Omaha, who was Grand Master at the time the old stone was laid and presided at the ceremonies, and Louis H. Korty, also of Omaha, and Eben K. Long, of Plattsmouth."

He made eight visitations at central points and says:—

"Being aware that it would be a physical impossibility to visit all of the two hundred and seventy Lodges in the state, and being desirous of meeting as many of the Craft as possible, I determined to make my visitations at some central point where the Brethren could be invited, and I could come in contact with more of them than to attempt to visit the Lodges individually, and at a great saving of Grand Lodge funds."

He reports:—

"One of our Lodges made application for relief for two of its members. On investigation it was found that the dues they were assessing were not enough to meet their expenses. I, therefore, ordered them to increase their dues to a sufficient amount to meet all expenses and have some remaining for emergencies."

A direct and effective decision.

Grand Lodge fees are \$5.00 for each initiation and \$1.50 for each member yearly. This may, in some measure, account for a Grand Lodge inventory of \$118,194.15 and \$104,650.00 held by Trustees of the Orphans' Educational Fund.

Our Nebraska Brethren surely demonstrate the "distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart" in their charities.

Lodges, 296; members, 25,044; gain, 1,780.

Frederic L. Temple-----Grand Master

Francis E. White-----Grand Secretary

NEVADA

Forty-third Annual Communication, held at Reno, June, 1917.

Immediately after opening Grand Lodge the American flag was brought in and presented before the altar. The Brethren rose in a body and saluted the flag by singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

Telegrams of greeting were sent to the Grand Lodges of Vermont, Nova Scotia, Iowa and Washington, which were in annual session at the same time as that of Nevada.

Grand Master Alfred W. Holmes was not called upon to make any decisions of sufficient importance to refer them to Grand Lodge. He strongly urged the Brethren to take a decided stand on the side of temperance. He recommended that the constitution be changed to allow two or more Lodges to hold joint meetings for installation of officers.

In the concluding words of his address he said in part: "From my visits to the different Lodges I am of the opinion that more time should be given to the study of the design and philosophy of Masonry." Good! and might it be suggested that time should be taken to instruct the Brethren to apply the philosophy of Masonry to our plain every-day living?

The Bi-Centennial anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge in England in 1717 was observed by special meetings in every constituent Lodge in the Jurisdiction. That word "constituent" is a good one.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that the Grand Lodge give its cordial support to the plan to hold a Masonic Convention after the war for the establishment of a permanent peace and closer relations between Masonic bodies of the world and urged the constituent Lodges of the Jurisdiction of Nevada to give financial aid to the efforts of the International Bureau for Masonic affairs.

Nevada has a "Master of Instruction." He has charge of the work of seeing that the constituent Lodges are proficient in the standard work, holds schools of instruction and endeavors to see that the business of the Lodges is conducted in conformity with the constitution. He reported having conferred the Past Master degree on a W.M. elect. By the way, what is a "Past Master" Degree?

There is an Educational Fund to assist, when necessary, sons and daughters of Masons to get an education by way of granting loans.

Alberta, 1916, is given a splendid review. In referring to the nine dispensations issued by G.M. Taylor to confer degrees out of time and one to reconsider a petition the correspondent says: "All pregnant with danger."

Bro. L. H. Beason is the representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta near the Grand Lodge of Nevada.

Lodges, 23. Membership, 1,977. Net gain, 55.

Thos. Lindsay, Tonopah-----Grand Master

Edward D. Vanderlieth, Carson-----Grand Secretary

NEW HAMPSHIRE

One hundred and twenty-tighth Annual Communication, held at Concord, May 16th, 1917.

Owing to the death of Grand Master George Edward Bales on November 9th, 1916, Deputy G.M. Abraham L. Garman presided.

Forty-nine Lodges were represented.

Grand Master Bales refused two dispensations, one asking to participate in a parade on Memorial Day and the other to confer the M.M. Degree on Sunday.

Acting G.M. Garman reported usual activities but with nothing of an unusual nature.

Their necrology shows the death of five of their Grand Lodge officers, past and present, including the sitting Grand Master, three Past Grand Masters and the Grand Lecturer.

11,111 members in 80 Lodges, an increase of 53.

Abraham Lincoln Garman-----Grand Master

Harry M. Cheney-----Grand Secretary

 NEW JERSEY

The 130th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge took place at Trenton, New Jersey, April 18-19, 1917.

There were nine emergent communications of this Grand Lodge.

From the address of Grand Master Meakle we quote this, under "Membership":

"We show this year the largest increase in the number of members in any Masonic year in the history of this Grand Jurisdiction. This fact is not altogether an unmixed pleasure or gratification. It is always of interest to note that men are striving for higher ideals in life, and surely Masonic membership is a very desirable means to that end, but so unprecedently large an accesssion to our ranks in so brief a time should give us pause,—should compel a closer consideration of whether a high Masonic standard is being properly maintained, for under no circumstances, and least of all for mere increase in membership, should such standard be lowered one jot or tittle. We owe this to posterity. Masonry in all its pristine beauty has come down through the ages to us untarnished in this respect, and it is our bounden duty not to besmirch it by any over-anxiety to add to the quantity if the quality be lacking. I have no reason to suspect any short-coming in this regard, but in view of the conditions it behooves me to sound this note of warning, whose whole purpose is to induce a thorough investigation resulting in such discriminative selection as will insure the quality, be the quantity great or small."

We do not think comment is necessary, the note struck is a timely one.

"Masonic Home" matters receive a full share of attention at the hands of Grand Master. They seem to have their own example of the eternal problem. This Jurisdiction also prints, in full, list of officers and members of each Lodge, making a large volume. Alberta affairs, 1916, are briefly reviewed.

M.W. Wm. R. Meakle-----Grand Master

NEW MEXICO

Fortieth Annual Communication, held at Las Cruces, October 8, 1917.

Grand Master Alonzo B. McMillen evidently has great respect for the "Landmarks of Masonry." In his address to Grand Lodge he made the following recommendation:

"I recommend the following: That the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, together with the committee on by-laws, be instructed to thoroughly revise the by-laws of this Grand Lodge in order to simplify and to harmonize them with the Ancient Landmarks and the principles of Masonry; that the decisions of Past Grand Masters now printed as authoritative be thoroughly considered with this same view to harmonizing them with the Ancient Landmarks and principles of Masonry, and that insofar as they are conflicting, that they be dropped and not printed."

In his reference to the war, among other things he said: "It is inconceivable that there should be found anywhere within our country a Mason who is a slacker or a traitor to his country. The Central Powers have violated every principle held dear by Masons. There is no room for slackers or traitors; all must follow the flag."

The financial condition of Grand Lodge is good. There was a balance in the general fund of \$4,478.00 and in the Masonic Home Fund of \$11,000.00.

"The Travelling Bible" was present at the Grand Lodge meeting and was signed by Grand Lodge officers and by the officers and brethren of Aztec Lodge No. 3 who celebrated their fiftieth anniversary during Grand Lodge Communication.

The Grand Lodge decided to subscribe for \$10,000 of Liberty Bonds.

The recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, that each Subordinate Lodge be directed to secure one copy each of Mackey's Masonic Jurisprudence and of Mackey's Parliamentary Law, for the use of the Lodge, was adopted.

The Committee on Accounts, Ways and Means paid a well-deserved compliment to Bro. Alpheus A. Keen, who has been Secretary of the Grand Lodge for thirty-three consecutive years.

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Alberta is not included in report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Number of Lodges, 46. Membership, 3,976. Gain for year, 239.

Richard M. Thorne-----Grand Master

Alpheus A. Keen-----Grand Secretary

NEW YORK

One hundred and thirty-sixth Annual Communication, held in New York City, on May 1st, 1917.

"Now we are called upon 'to fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts; for democracy; for the ultimate peace of the world; for the rights of nations, great and small; and the privilege of men everywhere to choose their way of life and of obedience.'

"The Brethren of the German Masonic Temple Association, for their unselfish activity in Masonic endeavors, for their generous care of their own unfortunates, while at the same time doing their share toward the support of the Home in Utica, are entitled to the admiration of the whole Craft.

"On Sunday, October 1, 1916, it was my pleasure to attend the Traubenfest at Tappan. There was a vast concourse of people present. Over eight thousand were in attendance and the return to the Home was about \$8,000. The President, the late John D. Strahmann, and the District Deputy, Bro. Deffaa, added very much to my pleasure by personally introducing me to most of the Brethren and their families. To me it was a day full of interest and pleasure."

To us of Canada this has a ring which makes us pause—and yet—not knowing all, or many, of the circumstances, we leave it in the hands of our M.W. Bro. Penney and his Grand Lodge to decide, and offer no criticism; because, in this hour of great tensivity and of unavoidable suspicions, we believe the hardest lot, almost, is that of the Brother or Citizen, whose blood and name proclaims him German but whose faith and fealty are ours. This is a place, indeed, where we "Look to the East" and find a great Light.

1. "A Revelation of Kulture."
2. "Father forgive them, etc."

"If you look about among our Lodges you will find most of them very busy conferring Degrees, occasionally making a small donation to some of its members who may be in need;

on other occasions spending considerable money for banquets to or for their members; and in some cases presenting gifts, more or less costly, to its past or present officers.

"Think of the vast number of orphan children on this continent who will become the future men and women in control of the destinies of our beloved country, lacking education and care. Then ask yourselves the question: How much are we doing to supply that need outside of our Home in Utica? Could your Lodge or mine take one or more of the splendid children, easily to be found, and fit them to become leaders for good in the coming generation?

"I am only indicating in a very limited way what could be done by any of us in putting into practice the teachings of Masonry. There are innumerable other ways and means through or by which we can do practical and constructive work."

"My dear Brethren, this great Craft must arouse itself and demonstrate to its membership and the world at large that it is, in fact and spirit, as well as theory, broad in its charity, thorough in its morality and profound in its spirituality. The time is ripe. Let us begin now, praying that Almighty God may give us strength and wisdom as we endeavor to put into practice the splendid principles of our great Fraternity."

We presume our good Brother has ample reason for asking this, but would like to ask him if he forgot, for the moment, the great power there is in holding before candidates and members the Masonic ideals, though the "plate" on which they are presented is worn, battered and out-of-date? We do not always, or often, see the actual results at the time the degree is conferred.

We hear Brothers speak of the weariness of oft-repeated degrees. We understand and sympathize. But, after all, our bodies are nourished by the inelegant method of feeding—three times a day, and only so are these great and important ideals fixed in men's minds and then we all progress so slowly.

The above paragraph re orphan children is timely and thought-compelling. I am compelled though to recall the words of a learned Brother which ran about thus:—"Masonic **Charity**? Yes, but, what we want is a little more of decent and human **justice**." When a man has labored all his years and at the last, because he is a "poor manager" or not a "manager" at all, to say nothing of being a "clever manager," he goes to our Masonic Home, it is because of injustice somewhere. He labored and created values—enough and running over, but some good "manager" has it. Less of "**Charity**," Brothers, more of "**Justice**," and this, of course, has reference to things "Economic" and outside of Masonic in one sense. At present I would say Germany has shown good managerial ability, almost four years of it, with the result that once more the "East" is a place of "Light"—indeed, a "Revelation"—of corruption.

The membership of this Grand Lodge is about 200,000.

Alberta, 1916, meeting at Banff is reviewed with liberal quotations from Grand Master Taylor's address.

Thomas Penney, Esq.-----Grand Master
M.W. Ed. M. L. Ehlers-----Grand Secretary

NORTH CAROLINA

One hundred and thirtieth Annual Communication, held at Raleigh, on January 16th, 1917.

Lodges, 442; members, 25,194.

There is a list of 74 Decisions, many of which are in reference to objections from Lodge member or members as to advancement or raising of Candidate. Reg. 119 of Constitution of this Grand Lodge provides for such according to Decision 2, and this applies also in case of E.A. degree. We cannot but conclude that this Jurisdiction also suffers from lack of knowledge of the Constitution of Grand Lodge on the part of Lodge officers. We cannot refrain from asking if the punishment was not too severe for N.P.D. in decision 35? "Dismembering" a Brother is certainly drastic treatment. I am sure M.W. Bro. Andrews will pardon this liberty. The opportunity was irresistible.

Decision 39—We do not think such Brother should be permitted to retire before the ballot, nor be exused from balloting.

In decisions relative to use of Masonic designs or emblems in business or by suspended or expelled men, we agree.

Decision 44 is important. Would it not, however, be an improvement if such objection to a candidate's progress had to be placed either by signed statement, or in person, before the original Committee, or a Committee on this candidate? We think much misunderstanding would thus be avoided.

This Grand Lodge is financially well equipped. It collects \$28,000.00 in dues annually; owns the Masonic Temple with a rental of \$12,000.00 annually; owns the "Oxford Orphan Asylum" worth \$200,000.00 and caring for 375 children. It has also other interests and investments.

The Grand Master recommends re-organization of the business affairs of Grand Lodge and he also deals with the matter of much legislation under the head of "Common Law of Masonry," as follows:

"In these days when there is so much enacting of laws by Congress and State Legislatures, it is not unnatural that the similar idea has grown up in Masonry. If one will examine the ancient Constitutions, he will find a great deal that is fundamental in Masonry, and on those fundamentals practically all the Masonic law can be built up by the rulings of the Grand Master, which in turn are reviewed by the Com-

mittee on Jurisprudence, and then by the approval of the Grand Lodge enacted as controlling in their principles. It does seem that very often we have too much law, as the detailed enumeration of methods and courses leaves nothing to the common-sense of a Mason to work out. Of course, fundamental provisions have to be laid down clearly and unequivocally, but the details arising out of those fundamentals should be provided for by decisions of the Grand Master, on which edicts of the Grand Lodge could be based, as they will adjust themselves to the times and the people for which they are made, and not be burdensome or irksome to a growing fraternity holding to the landmarks of Masonry. Only last year did the Grand Lodge reverse a ruling as to the number of candidates that could be obligated at one and the same time, as the prior ruling had been found utterly unsuited to the needs of Lodges in towns exceeding 15,000 inhabitants."

This paragraph reminds us of the long lists of "Rules" which some teachers "laid down" and "nailed up" in our school-days. When we come to think of it, such teachers were usually incompetents, too.

Alberta matters not reviewed. Report not received in time.

A. B. Andrews-----Grand Master

NORTH DAKOTA

Twenty-eighth Annual Convention, held at Grand Forks, June 19-20, A.D. 1917.

After long and careful consideration by special committee the matter of incorporation of Grand Lodge was reported upon adversely.

Grand Master Taylor met the usual questions of procedure as to Ballot, Jurisdiction and Physical Qualifications. Again we would say every Grand Lodge should arrange to cover these questions thoroughly in its Constitution (as most Grand Lodges do now) and then require, or insist, that officers of Lodge **know** their Constitution.

We think that, in reporting decisions, brevity is highly desirable. Both "Q" and "Held" should be stated briefly.

There are excellent photographs of the interior of the new Masonic Temple at Cooperstown.

The Grand Master briefly but effectually avoided the vexing question of Physical Qualifications.

The questions of "Chain Prayers" received faithful treatment by Grand Master Taylor. If it were only possible to fasten the "Chain" to the drivelling beggar who starts such and let the prayer go!—but, well, we are reminded of the words of a long dead sage: "There are three powerful anaesthetics: 1, Chloro-

form; 2, Flattery, and 3, Fear, and the "Chain Prayer" is a blundering attempt at Number 3.

Nothing came to hand of Grievance and Appeal Committee.

There is included in this 1917 report of our sister Jurisdiction, an "Anniversary Address" by M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, the Grand Secretary, dealing with the subject "**From what and to what.**" We quote the following:—

"With the fall of the Roman Empire and the submerging of its civilization by the Germanic tribes, the Vandals and the Goths, certain of the College of Architects are known to have established themselves on the Island of Comacina in Lake Coma, Northern Italy, with the hope of preserving their art. This they did, and more; they developed Italian architecture, hence we have the story of the Comacine Masters, and there is good reason to believe that the Cathedral Builders of the Middle Ages, the Liberi Muratori, Freemasons, were the outgrowth of the Comacine Masters. They carried their work into all of central and western Europe and to England.

"With the development of the Christian Church and the era of Cathedral building there was every opportunity for them to leave lasting memorials of their hand and brain. They were a privileged group. In a day when there was little freedom of action these men were free to travel, free from taxation and free from serfdom; they were free men as well as free-masons. One has but to travel through Italy, France, Spain, Germany and England to see the monuments which these artists have left for our instruction and admiration. Their's was not the printed page; their story was wrought in marble, in bronze, in fresco and high vaulted ceiling. Let us hope that this wonderful work will escape the terrible ravages and destruction of war.

"It is fairly well authenticated that these Cathedral Builders or architects Freemasons were distinct from the Craft or Operative Masons though just how they were differentiated from each other is not entirely clear, and authorities differ. Yet it is probable that the one group, the Freemasons, included the architects, sculptors, painters, etc. These usually were designated as Magistri (Masters). In the other group (by far the larger) we found the rough Masons or Craft Masons somewhat limited in their sphere of operations. The Free Masons or Magistri being more or less under the influence of the Church, were commissioned by various popes to plan and direct the work of Cathedral building. They were, as we have said before, exempt from local restrictions, from taxation, and possessed a freedom of action which in those days was not common, hence the term Free-Mason.

"With the passing of the period of Cathedral building there seems to have been a gradual disappearance of the Freemasons or Magistri or their merging with the Craft Guilds. However, it is not entirely clear how or when this took place or whether it was ever fully consummated until

operative and accepted Masons came together in 1717. It is easy to speculate about these things but it will serve no good purpose at this time.

"What we want to find, if possible, are the facts which have survived the vicissitudes of time and the destruction of records. While doubtless those who planned, directed and built the Cathedrals of Europe and who were known as Freemasons and Craft Masons were scattered more or less over all of northern and western Europe, there seems to be no division of opinion that Great Britain was the place of which we are a part today. We have some references to York and Canterbury and the connection which the Freemasons had with those Cathedrals. We believe that some of the Masters who directed work elsewhere in Europe were sent to England to plan the construction there. However, beyond certain vague statements and some so-called Ancient Manuscripts we have no records. On the other hand, there is indisputable evidence that in 1379 during the reign of Edward III. the Company of Freemasons sent two members and the Company of Masons sent four members to the Common Council of London."

Later we find this summary:—

"There were Freemasons who were largely responsible for the construction and adornment of the Cathedrals of the Middle Ages. There were the Rough, or Craft Masons who established themselves in Gilds or Fellowships and worked under the supervision of the Master Architects or Builders. These groups had certain laws, regulations, some sort of a Ritual, signs and grips, etc. With the cessation of the vast building operations there was a decline with the probable merging of the two groups in one. The fact that they had standing in the actual affairs of government and the favor of kings and nobility coupled with their ancient form and practice attracted those not strictly of the Craft. So we move up to 1717."

There is careful statement of leading facts concerning events of 1717, 1723, 1751 and 1813 in Masonic development in Britain, also 1730-3 in America. He outlines the various sources of American Masonry, i.e., "Moderns," "Ancients," Scotch and Irish, their alignment in the 1776 Revolution and later merging of interests and effort in the newly launched Nation. This sentence is interesting:

"It is an interesting fact that in South Carolina we have a Grand Lodge of Ancients and a Grand Lodge of Moderns continuing until 1817."

Justifying the Modern "Speculative" Masonry he concludes thus:—

"First, that it held up before its members in the early days professions of religious faith and duty which for breadth of vision and tolerance are little short of marvelous. Masonry presented standards of civil relations that will stand the severest tests. It has taught the best conceptions of personal character and conduct. Its whole aim has been to impress

upon its votaries the duties they owe to God, to country, to their fellows and to themselves.

"Second. Masonry has from its earliest days taught the lessons of charity and benevolence; not aloe the giving of aid to the needy but in the larger meaning of good will toward men.

"Third. It has emphasized friendship and brotherly love. Those who otherwise might never have known or much less appreciated each other have through their Masonic affiliation found the full meaning of true friendship and have tasted the sweet refreshment of real brotherly love.

"Fourth. In other simple days Masonry furnished the only centre of union provided for that greatest crowning of the human soul—companionship, fellowship—and barring some of the early convivial clubs which were no real part of Masonry this comradeship has been under influences which were uplifting and heartening.

"Fifth. Masonry has almost universally promoted a fine Democracy among all its members. While the Master of a Lodge enjoys large powers he is elevated to such power through the voice of the Brethren and after his term of service he returns again to the ranks. Race, Nationality, Social Distinction, Wealth, Creed, Party Affiliation—these have no place in Masonry and in these days of the world's most awful catastrophe may we not hope that some time and that right soon, what we see in every Masonic Lodge, namely, Friendship, Brotherly Love, Democracy—may reign supreme throughout the world."

Alberta affairs are not reviewed.

Lodges, 113; Lodges constituted, 4.

Alex. B. Taylor.....	Grand Master
Wm. J. Reynolds (elected).....	Grand Master
M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell.....	Grand Secretary

NOVA SCOTIA

Fifty-second Annual Communication, held at Truro, June 13-14, 1917.

"Chain prayers" and "chain letters" receive well merited censure.

Grand Master Fraser issued the following suitable and comprehensive letter re the 200th Anniversary of founding of the English Grand Lodge.

"To the Worshipful Master and Secretary.

"Dear Brethren:—

"With your assistance, I desire to call the attention of the members of our Subordinate Lodges, to a Masonic event of great importance and interest which takes place this year.

The celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the establishment of the Mother Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the world.

"In 1717, at London, England, was organized the Grand Lodge of England, to which the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Nova Scotia traces a direct and lineal descent. Of the many Grand Lodges on the American continent, that of Nova Scotia stands nearest to England by geographical distance, and yields to none in a loyal and zealous fraternal attachment to the Mother Grand Lodge.

"The celebration of the Bi-Centenary promises to be well observed in every part of the globe. In the United States, in particular, preparations for the observance of the Anniversary of this historic event are being made, in some instances on a lavish scale. It is interesting to us, living under the British flag, and forming a proud part of the great British Empire in which Masonry has played a splendid part in strengthening and upbuilding, to read the following from the pen of an American Mason, in a contribution to the 'Masonic Chronicle,' of Chicago. It eloquently sets forth the reasons why American brethren should recognize and celebrate the Bi-Centenary.

"Any movement or influence that serves as a spur, or leads to a revival of the study of Freemasonry should be heralded and accepted with unanimous and world-wide enthusiasm. Perhaps no occasion has presented such an auspicious period as the year 1917, which will be generally observed as the Bi-Centennial or 200th anniversary of the birth of the first Grand Lodge of Freemasons. While this historic event may be signalized by a continuation of the warring of brother against brother, or at least shadowed by the memory of fearful devastation and carnage, the call of Christianity has never sounded so pleadingly for an inter-communion of sentiment and principle in sublime effort to minimize—or to eradicate, if that be possible—the strife and hatred that have burdened the whole world with woe unutterable.

"There is not a picture in history more intense and vital, not only to the Masonic view, but to the vision of the world at large, than that presented in February, 1717, when representatives of the four Lodges of the City of London met in Apple Tree Tavern, for the first time, constituted a Grand Lodge and voted the oldest member present into the chair as the Master or Presiding Officer. The event was followed by the assembly and feast in June of the same year at the Goose and Gridiron Tavern. Lodges in those days, in the absence of appropriate halls and temples all met in taverns.

"The Masonic student or historian who surveys these facts closely, feels about him an atmosphere tinctured with the crude but ambitious completion of the highest civilization then existing. Literature, art, invention, and the industries were then, comparatively speaking, in their infancy. We may rightly strive to realize how potent an element was that first official Masonic group in helping to form, to forward, cement,

and control the destinies of nations. They helped to make history. They established a foundation that can never be shaken. Their mission, whilst inherently devoted to the practical and unselfish betterment of humanity, has branched out into a thousand collateral avenues, purifying the great mass, assuming its burdens and responsibilities, patiently, foremost and fervent wherever fraternalism or charity called for a champion or a martyr.

“Of course, Masonry existed long before 1717, but no authentic history of its doings is extant, and the organized institution as we know it, dates from that time. Chicago and Illinois were then an unknown, trackless wilderness, and it is a far cry from that early London Grand Lodge, composed of four puny Lodges, to the magnificent Grand Jurisdictions of today, like Illinois, for instance, with more than 850 Lodges and 150,000 Masons, or the city of Chicago with 130 Lodges and over 70,000 Masons. No Lodge in this city today has so few members as had the parent Grand Body of England in 1717.

“At the present time all nations are absorbed in contemplation of the great problems and interests that are shaking the world to its very centre. Under the influences of these conditions it is difficult to distract such strongly focussed intelligence, yet if Masons would exert one-half of their force in broadening out their conceptions of duty and doctrines, if they could diligently live up to the highest standard of Masonic deals, there could be no war.

“If the world today would purge itself from the lust of personal and national aggrandisement, revoke hatred, and take to itself pure charity; if Brotherly Love would not only continue, but grow; if the true standard of Masonry could be fully recognized and lived up to, then this coming grand Bi-Centennary would indeed be a notable milestone in the progress of the world. It is most sorrowful to comprehend that war has made of the birthplace of the first Grand Lodge not a Mecca, but a sacred place from the holy precincts of which the flaming sword of war warns back those for whom it should be a veritable haven of blessing and peace.

“Meanwhile, due observation should be given to this illustrious Bi-Centennial event. Even with the shadows hovering or deepening round about, the inspiration of what is involved should cement the bonds of Fraternity. Its neglect can mean only indifference to one of the most portentous periods in all Masonic history. Its observance calls for preparation for the animation of deeper and stronger intelligence that will add a new lustre to the highest Masonic ideals.’

“Nothing, therefore, can be more fitting than that the Brethren of Nova Scotia should share individual participation in the Bi-Centennary of the Grand Lodge of England.

“Saint John the Baptist Day (June 24th), 1917, is set for the celebration. This date falls on Sunday. Before then the Grand Lodge will have held its Annual Session, and no doubt

some action decided upon with regard to the celebration, but I fear the time will be too short for any successor to make any arrangements with respect to the Subordinate Lodges. In anticipation that it will meet with the approval of the Grand Lodge and the incoming Grand Master, I suggest that the Lodges throughout Nova Scotia arrange for a special Church service on that day. Where Lodges are close together, joint service might be helpful. It is anticipated that fitting reference be made at the Divine service to the reason for the Masonic gathering.

"I refer this suggestion to your earnest consideration, and instruct that this letter be read at your earliest communication, at the same time urging you to take such action that the Bi-Centenary of the Grand Lodge of England will be an event duly observed by all the members of the Fraternity within the confines of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia."

Pages 112 to 227, inclusive, are devoted to "Returns of Subordinate Lodges and these returns include list of officers and members of each Lodge.

Grand Master recommends rearrangement in the matter of their Masonic Home on account of growth and extension of its labor and its requirements.

Donald F. Frazer-----Grand Master

OHIO

One hundred and eighth Annual Communication, held at Springfield, October, 1917.

There is a picture in the proceedings of this Jurisdiction that would be difficult to duplicate in any other Jurisdiction in the world. It is a picture of an Unbroken Line of Twenty-five Past Grand Masters (all living) and they are a goodly looking lot of men, too. We hope the line may continue unbroken for some time yet.

Ninety-three dispensations for various purposes were issued and more than that number refused.

G.M. Clore is not favorable to the idea of conferring degrees out of time. He says:

"I am of the opinion that much harm will be done to Freemasonry and little good to the petitioner by this method. It were better to return to the old law of requiring a man to remain an Entered Apprentice for one year before becoming a Fellow Craft, and to remain a Fellow Craft one year before becoming a Master Mason, than to resort to this unseemly hysterical method of conferring degrees wholesale, thereby destroying the Constitution, Landmarks, and Code of the Masonic Institution."

There were eight Lodgerooms dedicated and thirteen cornerstones laid during the year under the direction of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master very strongly disapproved the formation of travelling military Lodges. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, however, recommended issuing a dispensation to Ohio Military Lodge U.D. which was approved by Grand Lodge. Special regulations were adopted governing this Lodge, one of which is that at the close of the war the records, jewels and all other property of such Lodge shall be forthwith delivered to the Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, in his address, referred to the good work done by the four Masonic Employment Bureaus in the State. Their motto is: "Help a Brother to help himself."

An Emergency War Fund was inaugurated for the relief and comfort of soldiers and sailors of the armed forces of the United States and of their dependants. An appropriation of \$5,000.00 was made from the General Fund of Grand Lodge and the fund was placed under the control of the Grand Master.

The Ohio Masonic Home at Springfield is a beautiful building and good work is being done.

The work of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is as usual an excellent one. On recommendation of the committee recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland, Alberta, 1916 and 1917, are ably reviewed. Quotations were made from the address of Grand Master Taylor and the report of the Committee on Physical Defects in candidates was quoted in full.

Lodges, 557. Members, 114,293. Gain, 7,254.

Henry M. Hagelbarger, Akron-----Grand Master

J .H. Bromwell, Cincinnati-----Grand Secretary

OREGON

The sixty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Portland, June 13th, 1917.

Before the regular duties of Grand Lodge were assumed there occurred a unique testimony to the spirit of Oregon Masonry in the introduction of the national flag, represented as saying, among other things (p. 7):

"We are going into this war, not because we want to defend ourselves against Germany, but because America does not want to live in a world in which a nation with a submarine soul and with a submarine way of getting what it wants shall be accorded any right to say what the world shall be like. We will listen to Germany and we will see that Germany is listened to, but we will not live in a world that is determined by Prussian autocracy, or a future civilization dictated to us by the Hohenzollern vision and conscience and the imperial German will."

Also, a letter of two and half pages to R.W. James F. Robinson, Grand Secretary, Portland, by George E. Chamberlain, Representative of the Grand Lodge of England, near the Grand Lodge of Oregon. From it we quote these two paragraphs expressive of its general purpose (p. 15):

" . . . So it has always been and will ever be. Are there no lessons to be drawn from this universality? Is there no effort that Masonry can put forth to bring this carnage to an end? Is there no agency here or abroad which it can employ to teach the warring millions the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man? Are there not enough fires burning upon the altars of our beloved Order here and in other lands to radiate through the encircling gloom and echo the message of Him who came to teach 'Peace on earth, good will to men'?"

"If these instrumentalities might be found, if this most Worshipful Grand Lodge might set them in motion, and substantial results attained, the civilized world, which now seems beside itself, would rise to call this Order blessed. And, oh! my Brother, is it not worth the while of the great men in Masonry, leaders in thought, in action and in every good deed, to attempt to find a solution for a world tragedy?"

The Representative of Oregon on the (Natural) Masonic War Relief Association is R.W. Bro. Wm. C. Bristol, who is continued in this capacity. Wm. B. Melish is the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Association. Bro. Bernard G. Witt is President.

From submitted correspondence we draw the following conclusions:

(1) It is difficult to place funds where intended and needed owing to war conditions and German methods.

(2) There is a most generous response to this call all over the 48 Grand Jurisdictions.

(3) Masonry, internationally, will be strengthened and unified after the war, by the war and in spite of war.

Here is a list of contributions to this Fund to May 15th, 1917, one year ago:

MASONIC WAR RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAY 15, 1917

Grand Lodges	\$36,714.56
Grand Chapters	14,943.85
Grand Commanderies	12,783.91
Shrine	9,957.91
Scottish Rite	2,330.80
May 14, 1917, part subscription General Grand Chapter, U.S.A.	2,500.00
Miscellaneous, consisting of Grand Encampment, General Grand Chapter, etc., also individuals	10,818.58
Total receipts	90,049.61
Total funds sent to Europe	21,319.38
Balance on hand in banks	\$68,730.23

Under "Decisions" the usual matters are treated with becoming faithful and kindly hand. We note his recommendation that:

"From the large number of complaints which have been made to me regarding the unmasonic use of the ballot, I feel it my duty to repeat the recommendation made by Bro. P. H. M. Bristol, that you revive and confirm that ancient privilege of the Grand Master, to set aside or declare invalid a ballot which for any unmasonic reasons, prevents deserving material from participating in Masonic affairs."

and ask, would it be wise, M.W. sir? True, there are many cases where it undoubtedly would, but it is a very heavy burden to place on a Grand Master. We are reminded of cases where we thought the privilege of the ballot had been abused and have later learned we were wrong. We could not know.

The Grand Master pleads strongly for a fund for a Masonic home in Oregon. We congratulate M.W. Bro. Moore on the progress of his Grand Lodge "in times like these" while he was at the helm.

Three pages of this report are kindly devoted to Alberta affairs, 1916. Was it an unrecognized knowledge of their own later and immediate interest in this Great War which made our Brothers across the line so kindly and appreciative of the references by Canadian Grand Masters to the burdens, loss and sorrows resulting from it? However, that may be, we appreciate, beyond any power to express, their presence at our side and their unity of effort in every way toward a Masonic goal of Brotherhood.

Will Moore-----Grand Master

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The fifth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held at Manila, February 13-14, 1917.

There are, or were at the time of this meeting, six chartered Lodges owing allegiance to this Grand Lodge. Net gain, membership, 112.

From the address of Grand Master Taylor we learn that Peace and Progress are theirs, special care being observed to instruct and enlighten the newly-made Brothers.

A new Masonic Temple has been erected and placed at the disposal of the Craft in Manila.

The Grand Master reports "No decisions, owing to care in selecting both membership and officers." Surely this, by a Grand Master, should make us stop and think.

An additional article was placed in the Constitution rendering "Electioneering or soliciting votes, unmasonic conduct, punishable by the Lodge."

Thirty-two new charters granted, making 38 in all.

We would ask the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Lodge if they are sure of their ground in the statement on page 93 of their 1917 proceedings, viz.—“The Grand Master is a creation of Grand Lodge, with only such powers as are delegated to him by that body?” We were under the impression that the office of Grand Master existed prior to the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717. That the relationship between Grand Lodges and Grand Masters is such that this false opinion could be so general as it is, is a tribute indeed to both Grand Lodges and Grand Masters.

There is no review of Alberta proceedings.

Wm. H. Taylor-----Grand Master

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Annual Communication, held at Summerside, June 27, 1917.

M.W. Bro. A. Sterling Mackay, Grand Master, makes no uncertain sound in his address and particularly welcomes the United States into the struggle for world freedom.

“For a century the only rivalry we knew was in business; the only contention indulged in was one of love and good work. We speak the same language, hold the same faith, are the heirs of the same past, and cherish the same high ideals, and now that the great Republic which occupies with us this North American continent is our mighty ally in this struggle against Prussian arrogance, aggression and ambition, our Brotherhood will develop into a yet stronger one in which blood will be shed in defence of freedom and in punishing a ruthless enemy who holds life and honour so cheap, and as the flags of the two nations are placed side by side in the mighty struggle, may they ever float side by side over free, enlightened and God-fearing people, and forever in defence of liberty and righteousness. Evidently the Anglo-Saxon race have found once more a common ground in the defence of liberty.”

No correspondence report.

Lodges, 15. Members, 881. Net gain, 27.

M.W. Benjamin Rogers-----Grand Master

M.W. Walter P. Doull-----Grand Secretary

QUEBEC

Forty-seventh Annual Communication, held at Montreal, February 14th, 1917.

This sister Grand Lodge has an Honour Roll of 500 and the casualties have been 20 during the year. Membership in the Province 8,253 and the yearly additions totalled 238. Receipts for general fund \$5,931.50 and for the Permanent Benevolent Fund \$4,181.00.

The following are taken from an address by the Grand Chaplain of Quebec:—

"Every Brother, on being raised to the degree of M.M. becomes, potentially, a citizen of the world."

"The facts, expressed concisely, are that in the first place secret societies are frequently found in both the most savage and the most cultivated native centres of the Pacific; in the second place, they are found to be most vigorous and virile in the most savage centres where there is clear evidence of the earlier contact and clash of diverse racial stocks; in the third place, that it is in the most savage centres that secrecy is most absolute, and in the last place, it is in the more cultivated centres that secret societies, which prior to the invasion of European standards, appear to have been everywhere the sole agency making for social order, morality and respect for authority, tend either to disappear altogether as soon as their devotees have become predominant, or else when they persist after this, the Brethren practice their ritual, in public, in the full light of day. Hence, we get the remarkable phenomenon that in one island of the most savage type their ritual is conducted with the greatest secrecy; while in an adjacent island of the more cultivated type where secret societies have exercised the most profound influence, the same ritual has become incorporated in the open and public ritual of the whole body of islanders.

"These things suggest to my mind, that in searching for the earliest origins of our Masonry, we should look for them in (a) the centres of greatest racial and cultural diversities and (b) where the most savage and the most exalted standards co-exist, and (c) where, if there be such cases, our ritual and philosophy are found to have been later incorporated, in part or in large measure in the public liturgies of the western nations.

"After the ideals of world citizenship have won their last and greatest battle in this the most colossal war in the history of civilization, when no uncertain victory has been crowned with an amaranthine wreath of peace, when the awful din of the battle and the cries of the wounded and the dying, and the garments rolled in blood fade away from our ears and eyes, it is my firm conviction that we are then destined, almost immediately, to enter upon one of the most remarkable and glorious epochs of exact scientific achievement ever yet known in the entire history of humanitarian research."

In the Foreign Correspondence section of this report are found the following interesting statistics re "Home and School Institutions and Funds. See p. 12 of F.C.

Alberta Masons desire to extend to our Quebec Brothers warmest sympathy and appreciation of their loss in the death of their Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Will H. White, in the summer of 1917.

Some of the best reviews I have ever read were from his pen, always most fraternal, unusually well-informed, with keen analysis yet broad construction, his work as a reviewer was most interesting. He was great because he served well.

Alberta's communication in 1916 is briefly reviewed.

M.W. Ed. A. Evans-----Grand Master

R.W. Will. H. White-----Grand Secretary

RHODE ISLAND

One hundred and twenty-seventh Annual Communication, held at Providence, May, 1917.

Grand Master Wilbur A. Scott granted thirteen dispensations to Lodges to appear in regalia in public to attend divine worship and five for other purposes, among the latter was one to Hamilton Lodge No. 15 to appear in public in Lodge formation to celebrate its One Hundredth Anniversary. Among his decisions was the following:

"A member of a Subordinate Lodge objecting to the passing of a candidate must present with his objection information or charges susceptible of investigation and that on his refusal to do so the objection might properly be ignored."

At the semi-annual communication in November, 1916, the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that:

"No man who is unable to perform every part of the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry is eligible to receive those degrees but an applicant physically defective, who can by artificial means controlled by himself, perform all the requirements of the work shall be eligible."

The recommendation was not approved.

The Grand Master appears to have visited, in his capacity as Grand Master, two Chapters, three Councils, four Commanderies, the Shrine and one Chapter of the Eastern Star.

The Masonic Home Fund now amounts to nearly \$11,000.00 and is under the control of five trustees, all Past Grand Masters except the chairman, who is the sitting Grand Master. The trustees have a representative in each Subordinate Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

The D.D.G.M.'s are appointed by the Grand Master and at the annual election of officers in each Lodge and install the officers immediately after.

No of Lodges, 37. Total membership, 9,832. Increase for year, 364.

G. M. Herbert A. Rice, Pawtucket-----Grand Master
S. Penrose Williams, Providence-----Grand Secretary --

SASKATCHEWAN

Eleventh Annual Communication, held at Saskatoon, on the 20th day of June, 1917.

M.W. Bro. J. H. Anderson-----"On the Throne"

Receipts, \$8,600.00. Expenses, \$7,960.00.

Grand Master refused dispensation to confer two or more degrees at same session of Lodge. He also refused to approve amendment to by-laws allowing Lodge to call off all meetings during July, August and September. We think these rulings are both correct.

The problem of the war, in its effects upon and relation to Masonry is broadly and fairly treated by the Grand Master.

There is nothing of great interest beyond Saskatchewan affairs.

There is no review of Alberta affairs.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Half Yearly Communication, held at Adelaide, October 18th, 1916.

Report of Board of General Purposes received and adopted and motion recognizing Grand Lodge of Queensland immediately followed and was unanimously adopted.

The Communication was held prior to the vote on conscription and the Grand Master says:

"Brethren of the Grand Lodge, a momentous question of supreme importance—the question of National Service—awaits decision. I venture, then, to say that the first duty of every man and of every Mason is to study the matter with the utmost care, and so gain a real knowledge of the facts as they are today, and the true bearing of those facts upon the question which it is ours to decide. Then let each of us act according to his conscience, honestly—act fearlessly—always remembering that in this high matter it is not the personal aspect which ought to guide us, but the National aspect—the good of the Nation; not the convenience of the individual. The great necessity of the Empire; not the effect on each particular citizen. If we keep this great principle in mind and act upon it, then we shall assuredly arrive at a right decision, even if in doing so we have to partake of the sacrament of self-sacrifice and loss."

Eustace B. Grundy-----Grand Master

ANNUAL MEETING

Held at Adelaide, April 18th, 1917.

Grand Master Eustace B. Grundy, re-elected, comments on Bi-Centenary of Grand Lodge of England, and says:

"I have decided there will be no festivities here (Hear, hear). This is no time to spend money in festivals of any sort. Applause). I have sent an address, which is also in 'The South Australian Freemason,' and of which the Grand Secretary has a photographic copy."

He recommends Group System of Lodge Instruction:

"The subject of Masonic instruction has had much consideration of late years, and I am glad to note the success of the group system of Lodges of Instruction in the country, in which our Grand Inspector of Lodges believes has been found the solution of the difficulty regarding instruction to Country Lodges. It enables Lodges in convenient proximity to form themselves into groups, and then the Instructors will be able to meet the collective gatherings, and give that help and instruction for which, I know, the Brethren are eagerly seeking."

And winds up an interesting address by speaking solemnly of the duty of Masons in the world crisis.

"It is the duty represented by service, and self-sacrifice. I want you to understand what I mean by service. Forgive me if I dwell on this for a moment, because I feel strongly. By service, I mean active and enthusiastic service, rendered in that particular way and for that particular purpose which God points out to each one of us as the purpose in which he can individually and collectively serve Him and His Country. By self-sacrifice I mean real-self-sacrifice, not the mere giving of that which costs us nothing. I mean the giving and the doing and the helping which entails the loss of something we have been accustomed to, which involves a measure of self-sacrifice, whether that measure be great or small."

Lodges, 77. Members, 6,020. Net gain, 163.

Eustace B. Grundy-----Grand Master

Chas. R. Glover-----Grand Secretary

SOUTH DAKOTA

Forty-third Annual Communication, held at Hot Springs, June 12-13, 1917.

Grand Master's address contains the following significant paragraph:—

"The same careless and incorrect use of the terms regular and special meetings prevails very largely throughout many Jurisdictions other than our own; showing that Masons generally have become very lax in this regard. If this unfor-

tunate condition is suffered to continue, the use of the good old Masonic word 'Communication,' with the proper prefix, Stated, Special, and Festival, will ultimately become obsolete; and the Fraternity as a whole will lose terms that have a peculiar Masonic meaning."

We would commend this for Masons' attention because there is a real laxness here as witness the words "Emergent," "Regular" or "Extraordinary."

Grand Master Roane also states clearly his opinions re "Dimits" and "Physical Qualifications."

"I strongly recommend that the Grand Lodge strike out from its By-laws Section 82, and adopt in lieu thereof a provision making the issue of a Dimit contingent upon election in another Lodge, either in this or any other Grand Jurisdiction. If this recommendation seems too severe, then I would urge that the life of a Dimit be limited to one year."

With regard to the vexed question of "Physical Qualification," we agree with him in his decision in this particular case—and with that kind of decision in such cases generally. We wonder, though, about that arbitrary numbering system of "Landmarks." Who decided that?

We think he was very generous with the Austro-Hungarian matter. He says:

"Some years ago upon the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, the Grand Lodge of South Dakota voted to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand "Zur Sonne" of Bayreuth, Austria-Hungary, and a letter recently received from the Grand Secretary of that Jurisdiction informs us that this action on our part was reciprocated by that Grand Lodge, but that the papers in regard to the matter were overlooked at that time and only recently came to light";

and then:

"So far as I have been able to determine the several officers of this Grand Body have diligently and faithfully performed their respective duties.

These two seem hardly to tally and anyway Austria is not very Masonic just now, is it? Perhaps we, in Canada, have tasted too bitterly of this war to judge fairly. We, too, think any "discussion" of it would be "fruitless." If one were looking to adjust or to place responsibility for this monstrous wrong with the idea that its provocation was uncertain. We think there is no doubt left as to responsibility for either the beginning or the unspeakableness of it. We, too, have devoted funds, repeatedly, to it. We too have deplored its presence and its brutality and its total blindness to anything Masonic. Also, ten per cent. of our Masonic membership in Alberta are in uniform and have been for years. We believe this is true of most of the Provinces of Canada. And why? Because we are convinced that the only way to avoid the oppression of German "Kulture" is to **effectually** oppose its efforts

and its slimy methods. We rejoice, beyond our ability to state, in words, that our Brothers of the United States are with us in this struggle, that there is evidence beyond measure every day and every way that they appreciate fully the danger and the greatness of that danger, not because of Anglo-Saxon or French inferiority in any way or degree but because Britain, France and United States were not prepared, were not expecting, had been told but were too generous to believe such could be contemplated by any nation on earth. Now they **know**, and act accordingly.

They know the uselessness of wringing hands and preaching peace and bewailing war, and even of repeating Masonic ideals to a man or a nation mad with pride and greedy for power. It is useless to plead, or reason or say anything to a cobra. In such situations "heroic" methods alone are of any use. As I am writing this, our line has been pressed hard for 30 days, and General Haig's order to those heroes is: "No farther back. You **must** remain firm now." I wonder if M.W. Bro. Roane would deplore the United States' entrance into the struggle if the French and British line broke now?

We note the photograph, the "Masonic History" and the ancestral tree.

Alberta, 1916, communication receives due attention. P.G.M. S. Y. Taylor's address is quoted frequently and with favourable comment.

James Roane-----Grand Master

TENNESSEE

One hundred and fourth Annual Communication, held at Nashville, January 30th, 1918.

The address of Grand Master John T. Peeler contains a full account of the meeting of Grand Masters and Representatives of Grand Lodges at Washington, D.C., in December last, with copy of the resolutions adopted there.

M.W. Brother Peeler reports adversely as to Military Lodges. We note particularly one recommendation, as follows:—

"Sixth. It is recommended that the roll of membership of each Subordinate Lodge be published in the proceedings, and that in order to meet the increase in the cost of publication that only one copy of the proceedings be furnished to a Subordinate Lodge instead of three, as is now provided."

This recommendation was not approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence. His other recommendations have to do largely with the harmonizing of Grand Lodge "Edicts" issued at different times. The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the request of the Grand Orient of France for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, reported as follows:—

"M.W. Charles Comstock, P.G.M., submitted the following second supplemental report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted:

"Your Committee has carefully considered the question of the recognition of French Masonic Grand Bodies, as submitted in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and while we are heartily in accord with the spirit of universal fraternity, and sincerely appreciate the intimate relations that unite us as citizens of two great republics merged in a common cause for the weal of humanity, we believe that the peculiar conditions that many years since interrupted our fraternal relations, involving fundamental principles of our institutions, are of too grave a nature to be hastily determined. We, therefore, approve the recommendation of said committee that the question of recognition of French Masonic Grand Bodies be referred to the incoming Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with authority, after having carefully considered such information as may be obtained through all available sources, if they shall find it for the vital interest of this time-honored institution and the sublime principles for which it stands, the Grand Master may extend fraternal recognition to such French Grand Bodies as may have met the approval of himself and his associates.

"2. We have considered the question of aliens joining Lodges during the continuance of the war, and we recommend the adoption of the following:

"That during the continuance of the present war, it shall be unlawful for any Subordinate Lodge in Tennessee to admit an alien enemy to receive the degrees of Masonry."

Under the caption "Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee" appears a list of VII. "Articles" and a list of 69 "Edicts" revised, amended, and re-arranged for the government of Grand Lodge.

The meeting of our Grand Lodge in Banff, May, 1917, is reviewed, with quotations as to the war, and our efforts to meet its resultant burdens.

TENNESSEE

The 103rd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of Tennessee was held in Nashville, January 31st, 1917.

Four hundred and fifty-seven Lodges in the State; 449 were represented in this convocation. The address of Grand Master Barham was unique in that it displays an unusual amount of labor and thought, to the end that he might be able to best advise and direct Grand Lodge, as to the actual needs and conditions in

the Jurisdiction. He found on January 1st, 1916, 113 Lodges in the State which had not been visited by a Grand Master since 1865. During his year he visited 72 of these. He says:—

“I am of the opinion that dispensations should not be given unless there is very clearly need for the new body, and that Lodges U.D. should not be chartered until they clearly demonstrate their right to it.”

We also quote the following:

“There are Lodges in Tennessee (I myself during the year have sat in more than one) in which it is admitted that with only their own membership not one of the three Degrees of Symbolic Masonry can be conferred. I have visited a Lodge and heard its Master admit that he could neither open or close, and that he never expected to be able to do the work. Our system at present gives instruction to bright Lodges and withholds it from weak, for our instructors go only when invited and cannot go unless there is unanimous consent. If a Lodge is content to remain without instruction, instruction cannot be forced upon it. If satisfied with its own work, then, however far it may be from the form approved by this Grand Lodge, there is no present remedy. What is the result? Our border Lodges have a mixture of the work of two or more States, and even at times, as I also have seen, the work of another State in its entirety. There are differences between the work actually in use in Tennessee possibly greater than those existing between the adopted work of any two Grand Jurisdictions. On one occasion during the year, in the conferring of a degree, I heard the recitation of *Thanatopsis* and of Hamlet's Soliloquy, with speeches on the glories of the American flag, the life and character of George Washington, and a long and tragic lamentation of unknown origin—all beautiful in themselves and beautifully done, but all wholly out of place. Our laxness breeds innovators and encourages innovations, until we endanger the very lessons we teach.

“To say this is immaterial and that Free Masonry attaches small importance to its forms of words, so long as its principles remain unimpaired, seems mere confusion of thought. It should be remembered that Free Masonry has no monopoly of the virtues it teaches. Thousands of men possess them who never sat in a Masonic Lodge. Good women have in all ages taught them to their sons and our mothers taught them to us. We do not alone possess those great basic principles upon which character is built, but we do alone possess a certain mode or method by which they are taught—and that mode or method is the adopted ritual of the Symbolic Degrees.”

I would recommend:—

“(a) That the Board of Custodians be increased in number from three to five, with not more than two members from any one of the Grand Divisions. Nor is this a criticism of our most excellent Board as now constituted, but that its members may have badly-needed assistance.

"(b) The present system of District Lecturers to be abolished, the Board of Custodians, as reorganized, for purposes of instruction to divide the State into twenty districts.

"In each district an annual school of instruction to be hereafter held under the direction and control of the Board, all such schools to be taught by instructors who shall be paid by the Grand Lodge at the rate of three dollars per day and expenses. No school to continue for a longer period than three days. It is estimated this plan will cost the Grand Lodge between six and nine hundred dollars per annum.

"(c) The Custodians to be authorized to designate by certificate or commission those who are qualified to instruct in Free Masonry or who attain to a certain degree of proficiency; no limit to be placed upon the number so certified. All certificates to bear a definite date of expiration.

"(d) A list of all certificated Masons to be printed in the Annual Proceedings, together with a list of all Lodges having such in their membership.

"(e) Those holding certificates to be encouraged to form schools of instruction in Subordinate Lodges, such schools to be held at the expense of the Lodges, but under the general direction of the Board of Custodians, which shall annually report to the Grand Lodge thereon.

"(f) Each Lodge to be required to call upon the Board for a visit of instruction at least once in each year. The Custodians to designate the instructor, whose actual expenses only shall be borne by the Lodge. In the event of failure of a Subordinate Lodge to call for such visit, the Board to order it made and to designate the instructor, who shall have for that occasion the right of entrance and the right of presiding.

"(b) To provide for the creation of a standing committee on 'The Workings of Chartered Lodges'—this committee to be charged with the duty of reporting to the Grand Body concerning the physical being, location, condition and conduct of all Subordinates.

"(c) To provide for a special inspection report which shall be in addition to the present membership and financial returns.

"(d) To penalize adequately all failures to make reports and returns within the period specified by law.

"Perhaps the Grand Lodge does not realize that at this time it is without information concerning the condition of its own Subordinates except as this may annually be given touching those personally visited by the Grand Master. With 457 Lodges in Tennessee, it is plainly unfair to expect the Grand Master will visit more than a small fraction of the total, and, in point of fact, during the last twenty-five years the average number of Lodges so annually visited has been thirty-three. It is manifest the Grand Lodge must get its information from some source other than the reports of its

Grand Officers and, indeed, the time employed in such visits should be used for purposes other than the filling out of inspection forms."

Average membership of Lodges in Tennessee, 62.

Over a page is devoted to Alberta, 1916, communication, especially noting our share in the war efforts, and congratulating Grand Master Taylor on both labor done and sentiments expressed.

Perhaps the most searching, frank, yet withal, kindly statement made by a Grand Master to a Grand Lodge of conditions throughout a Jurisdiction, is found in this address of Grand Master Barham. It is exhaustive, yet contains no suggestion or recommendation that is not expressive of the utmost care and labor by Grand Master Barham.

Charles Barham-----Grand Master

TEXAS

Eighty-second Annual Communication, held at Waco, December, 1917.

A resolution was adopted by standing vote pledging the "lives, honor and property of the 75,000 Master Masons of Texas in support of the great war." The resolution also stated to our great President: "We pledge everything we hold sacred to the aid of our country and our flag."

Grand Master Frank C. Jones must have been a busy man during his term of office. He requested Lodges in his Jurisdiction to confer degrees by courtesy for other Grand Jurisdictions in no less than 232 cases; made 115 requests to Lodges in other Jurisdictions to confer degrees for Texas Lodges; granted permission to confer degrees out of time to 23 Lodges and refused very many more; granted 20 dispensations to install officers publicly and refused six others; granted 29 dispensations to lay corner-stones and refused three; granted three dispensations for new Lodges and refused one; refused permission to nine Lodges to appear in public, three being requests to attend divine service and six to take part in a loyalty parade; made 35 formal decisions on matters referred to him; disposed of 131 applications for permission to initiate men with physical defects besides a host of other routine work. Regarding the application to initiate men not physically perfect, permission was granted in 76 cases and refused in 55. One wonders what guide M.W. Bro. Jones went by. In the case of a man with his right leg three-quarters of an inch shorter than the left, permission was granted, and in another case where the right leg was one and one-quarter inch shorter than the left permission was refused.

In several cases of Masonic trials a change of venue was directed and new trial ordered in another Lodge than the one in which the charge was made.

Among the decisions were the following:—

(1) It is not permissible to ballot upon more than one candidate at the same time either with one or more ballot boxes.

(2) Held, that a Lodge room could not be used for the purpose of a public entertainment to raise money.

(3) Held, that a Brother having had two protests against his receiving the M.M. degree was prevented for two years from receiving the degree.

The Committee on Correspondence made a special report and recommended:—

(1) That the decisions of 1913 be adhered to and that recognition be not extended to the Grand Lodge of France.

(2) That the Grand Lodge of Texas, for the present, withhold its recognition of and declines to countenance fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Columbia or the Grand Orient of Barranquilla.

(3) That the Grand Lodge of Texas at this time respectfully declines an exchange of representatives with the Grand Lodges of Peru and Cuba.

(4) Without disrespect to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts that the Grand Lodge of Texas postpone action upon the question of fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge of Panama until we are more fully informed of the regularity of its organization.

The Masons of Texas are justly proud of their Orphans' Home and School and farm. The cost per capita at the Home and School was \$21.44 per month per pupil and there was a net profit of \$12,702.59 from the farm in a year of general agricultural failure. Widows of deceased Brethren are splendidly cared for at the Home for Aged Masons at Arlington which cost \$15,227.57 in 1917. There are 43 inmates of the Arlington Home and 225 children in the school.

The proceedings of Alberta, 1916 and 1917, are both suitably reviewed.

Number of Lodges, 893. Membership, 71,366. Gain during year, 3,042.

John R. Arnold, Henderson-----Grand Master

W. B. Pearson, Waco-----Grand Secretary

UTAH

Forty-seventh Annual Communication, held at Salt Lake City, on January 15th and 16th, 1918.

The opening paragraph of M.W. Bro. Jennings' address is:—

"We gather at the appointed time, with hearts filled with gratitude for the many blessings which surround us in this glorious land of liberty; and yet we sorrow, that over the

world has fallen the blight of uncurbed, selfish ambition, and unrestrained militarism, resulting in the most awful physical conflict recorded in history. Hence, while we contemplate the ways in which our Fraternity, and each of us, can be of the greatest service to our fellowmen, we must also recognize that included in our obligation to humanity is the necessary and unavoidable duty of supporting in the fullest possible measure, every effort which is being put forth by our national government to "make the world safe for democracy." I know to a certainty that the Masonic Fraternity of Utah is willing and determined to answer the call in a way befitting us as MEN, worthy of the proud title of Masons and Americans. May God give us wisdom to direct us, and may He strengthen our endeavors in the entire fulfillment of our duties and responsibilities."

There is no uncertain ring in this. It expresses a definite conception and a clear-cut plan. It is wholesome and encouraging.

The Grand Master, under the heading "Decisions," makes timely comment as to the lack of knowledge on the part of Lodge officers of either Grand Lodge Constitution (or "Code") or the by-laws of their particular Lodge. It would seem to us that due observation of his suggestion by Lodge officers in all Jurisdictions would eliminate much correspondence, worry and waste of time, of Grand Secretary and Grand Master. He says (pp. 23-24):

"While I have not been called upon to render any official decisions during the year, there have been many questions presented to me in an informal way, and it has been a matter of surprise to me to learn, in many instances, the questions came from officers holding high stations in the Lodges but who made no previous attempts to settle the questions by referring to the Code; and, in fact, I am led to believe that the officers of many of our Lodges are not as well acquainted with the Laws of the Grand Lodge and possibly with the Laws of their own Lodges, as ought to be the case.

"We have adopted a very good set of Laws for the government of the Subordinate Lodges, and the Grand Lodge Code I have found to be very complete, specific, and conveniently arranged for reference. I wish, therefore, to urge upon the officers of all of our Subordinate Lodges the necessity of thoroughly acquainting themselves with the Laws of the Grand Lodge and the By-laws of their own Lodges in order that they may be able to properly conduct the affairs of the Lodges over which they preside."

He also encountered the chain-letter nuisance.

Military Lodges were not favoured by this Grand Master or his predecessors because, largely, of past experience with such. A recommendation was submitted of a Masonic Club, instead, and this would seem to meet all requirements and avoid some difficulties. This generally is in harmony with decision of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor, Grand Secretary of this Jurisdiction, when meeting the same problem.

"Red Cross," "Thrift Stamp" and "Conservation" all receive due and faithful consideration by M.W. Bro. Jennings.

Under the heading of "Future Work" we quote (pp. 36-37):

"It is going to require that we adequately prepare ourselves in a financial way to properly discharge this new responsibility. It is possible that provision for such a condition can best be met by the establishment of a Grand Lodge War Service Fund, supplemented by Charity Funds within each of our Lodges, that such funds can be built up by a system of regular voluntary contributions of specified amounts, by special assessments, or by the diversion of a certain portion of the Lodge Funds to this special account. All funds of all our Masonic Lodges must be handled carefully and expended conservatively and judiciously in order that the greatest possible amounts may be available for the care of our Brothers and their families, and for a proper response to the calls of the National Government. It is also important that, so far as possible, such funds should be invested in assets which can be easily and quickly liquidated in cases of emergency. The advantages also of selecting special Committees to supervise the various forms of War Service work in the several Lodges is recommended to your consideration.

"I wish also to most earnestly recommend to this Grand Lodge, that prompt and positive steps be taken to request the active co-operation of all Bodies within the State which we recognize as Masonic or as having a proper relation to our Masonic Fraternity. This is no time for jealousies, misunderstandings or pettiness of any sort or description. To meet the situation adequately, we should bring into active service every power and influence which the whole Masonic family possesses. We not only have a common cause but we should see that there is no loss of energy or influence due to any misunderstanding or even to lack of complete understanding of what is required of each of us.

"I would go a step further and urge that by frequent conferences of our Grand Master, or a representative, with the Grand Masters of other Jurisdictions, we keep closely in touch with, and aid in correlating the patriotic and beneficent work which the Fraternity of the United States is endeavoring to perfect and carry on at this particular time. I am not one of those who feel that by such conferences there is reason to believe that our sovereignty will ever be placed in jeopardy, but, on the contrary, I am thoroughly convinced that to secure the desired and necessary results, we must take positive action in a common understanding with the proper representatives of other Grand Lodges. I would earnestly recommend that this Grand Lodge give its fullest sanction to such conferences in order that the Grand Master, or his deputed representative, may have specific authority to go into such meetings with full power to act, and with the entire Masonic force of this Jurisdiction behind him.

"I am informed that it is proposed to assemble representatives of all Masonic Bodies for the purpose of organizing a National Masonic Council of Defense, the better to promote the various forms of War Service Work along common and

most effective lines. I am heartily in favor of the suggestion, and commend it to your favorable consideration."

This is in line with the work our own Grand Lodge has been laboring at.

We like his concluding exhortation on pp. 37-38, re Peace:

"And while we plan to lend our aid in carrying on the war, let us also pray that we may soon have peace, always remembering that there can be no peace, acceptable to us as Masons or Americans, unless it can be established on basic principles which will make it forever impossible for selfish, arrogant ambition ever to bring on a cruel, world-wide conflict such as that which now engages the attention of the civilized nations of the earth."

The Junior Grand Warden reports attending an informal meeting in Washington, called by the Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia. There were present either the Grand Masters or their representatives from about twenty-five different Grand Lodges. The purpose was to consider a prospective "National Masonic Movement for War Work."

Grand Master Witten announced that he had named M.W. Lurtin R. Ginn, Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia, now in France, as his special ambassador to the Grand Bodies of France, in the hope that "he might cause them to return to the Ancient Landmarks and make it possible to re-establish recognition of the Grand Bodies of France."

The following resolution was unanimously adopted and forwarded to M.W. Bro. Ginn:

RESOLVED, That we, the Grand Masters of Masons of California, Utah, North Dakota, Texas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, New York, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Connecticut and the District of Columbia, in conference assembled, in the City of Washington, on December 13th, 1917, voting in our own proper persons and through our accredited representatives, send these, our cordial and fraternal greetings to our Beloved and Most Worshipful Brother, Lurtin R. Ginn, Past Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, and through him to the Masons of France; and commission him as our ambassador to express to them our very great regret that conditions are such as to preclude some of our Grand Lodges from holding full Masonic intercourse with their Grand Bodies, and we fully empower and urge him to use all proper means within his power to bring about such changes as will permit the closest affiliation and co-operation between the Masons of France and the Masons of the United States.

Pages 59 to 66 inclusive report an exhaustive and very fraternal examination of the matters of French Masonry and its statements, claims and actions leading to severance of fraternal recognition by English-speaking Lodges, and of the tendency, since the war began, to act otherwise toward them.

M.W. Chas. F. Jennings-----Grand Master

REPORT OF GRAND CORRESPONDENT ON THE REQUEST OF
THE GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

To the M.W. Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of Utah:

"A letter from the Grand Lodge of France, under date of July 26, 1917, has been referred to your Committee on Correspondence for consideration and report.

"This communication, after briefly reciting the conditions which called it forth, viz., the landing of American soldiers on French soil, and the desire for a closer union of the Masons of the two countries which this event aroused,—extends an invitation to the Grand Lodge of Utah to enter into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of France.

Since the reception of this request, your Committee has given to the subject much careful consideration, and has endeavored to gather from all available sources information which would make possible a fair, impartial presentation of the matter.

"In view of the fact that so little is known about French Masonry by the Craft of this Jurisdiction—and by Masons generally—and that the causes of the present strained relations have not always been quite fairly represented, it seemed well to begin with a brief statement of some of the outstanding features of the situation.

"Let it be borne in mind at the outset that the Grand Lodge of France and the Grand Orient of France are independent of each other, and have been independent since 1895, and that they differ in several particulars. Also, that the Grand Lodge of France has been independent of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite, since 1904.

"With this preliminary word, let us now note the causes of the rupture of fraternal relations between Masonry in France and that in English-speaking countries.

"Sometime in the fifties, a spurious Scottish Rite Council began creating Symbolic Lodges within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. Because of relations existing between the prime mover in this invasion of Jurisdiction and the Grand Orient of France, appeal was made to that Body for recognition. This was most emphatically denied, and the spurious Council denounced as irregular and clandestine, by the Grand Orient. About ten years later—October 17, 1868—the new head of Freemasonry in France accorded recognition to the spurious Council, and commended its principles and work.

"At once, Louisiana protested and then severed fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, and appealed to the Grand Lodges of the United States to take similar action, thus giving added emphasis to the protest of Louisiana. In response, some twenty-eight or thirty of the Grand Lodges of this country took the action desired. In this, we have the original cause of the dissolution of fraternal relations between French Freemasonry and that of the English-speaking countries.

"A little prior to this event, and for some years subsequent to it, there had been discussed in the Grand Orient of France the proposition to make certain changes in the Constitution of that Grand Body. The Franco-German war, and events growing out of that struggle, appear to have pushed aside this matter. It came up again, however, and finally, at its session held September 10-15, 1877, the Grand Orient voted for the change, 135 to 76 Lodges.

"By this action the Bible was removed from the Lodge rooms, references to Deity in the Constitution—and later in the Ritual—were expunged, and the affirmation of belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. was no longer required of candidates.

"It might be noted in this connection that the statements adopted declared, concerning Masonry, that,

"Its principles are absolute liberty of conscience, and human solidarity"; and further that 'It excludes no person on account of his belief.' This last clause was in the Constitution before the changes were made.

"At once, when this action became known, the Grand Lodge of Ireland, later, the Grand Lodge of England, and then other Grand Lodges in English-speaking countries, followed in dissolving fraternal relations. In this country, those Grand Lodges which had taken such action, on account of the invasion of the Jurisdiction of Louisiana, protested against the course taken and reaffirmed their determination to have nothing whatever to do with the Grand Orient of France.

(Section 159 of the Utah Code was adopted in 1872, as a Standing Resolution, thus registering the protest of this Grand Body against the invasion of the Jurisdiction of a sister Grand Lodge).

"We must not overlook the fact that, prior to the year 1849 the Constitution, and the position of the Grand Orient—on the matters under consideration—were practically, if not precisely, what they are today. It further appears that anterior to the date named not a few of the Grand Lodges of the United States were in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient.

"However, in the year 1849, for reasons that are not quite clear—but for which various explanations have been alleged—the Grand Orient modified its law, so as to conform to the requirements set forth in that of the Grand Lodge of England. The much discussed action of 1877, as your Committee understands it, simply restored the provisions of the Constitution, as they were in 1849, and previous to that date.

"The Grand Orient itself declared that in making the changes in 1877, it was simply reverting to the Constitutions promulgated by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723, known to us as 'The Charges of a Freemason,' published in our Code, and 'recognized and adopted by this Grand Lodge as the fundamental laws, rules and regulations for the govern-

ment of all Masons' (Section 213). Reference to Article 1, of those 'Charges' seems to show that the point is well taken, and that the contention of the Grand Orient in this particular is sustained.

"French Masons further declare that in making the change of 1877, they had no thought either of becoming, or being known, as atheists. Your Committee has been unable to find any evidence bearing directly upon the truth or falsity of this statement, but is strongly inclined to the belief that it accords better with the teachings of Masonry, and is more in harmony with that charity which should characterize the Mason, to accept the statement of these Brothers. So far as your Committee has been able to ascertain, assertions to the contrary are practically confined to two classes: Those who have not been in a position to investigate for themselves, and so have been obliged to take the statements of others, whom perhaps, were no better informed on the subject than they. Secondly, those who are the recognized, avowed, and unrelenting enemies of Masons everywhere, as they have been, for some hundreds of years.

"So much of a general statement concerning the Grand Orient, and French Masons, appeared to be necessary in order that we might have something of a background upon which to project other details which may seem to have a closer connection with the matter in hand.

"It must be obvious, too, that in dealing in this general way with the Grand Orient, we have at the same time indicated, in faint outline at least, certain facts essential to an understanding of the Grand Lodge of France. The different threads of their history were so closely interwoven through so many years that they seem to form one, rather than two strands, and after their separation, and independence of organization came, there would still be, in things fundamental, such a community of interests and similarity of ideals, as to make the annals of the one bear many of the marks of the history of the other. And in the great ends sought, they are one. For the practical mission of Masonry in France, as was recently pointed out by a member of the Grand Lodge of France is to promote and sustain liberty, to further equal conditions and opportunities for all men, to urge a true fraternity among the people.

"The Grand Lodge of France had its birth in 1804-1821, says another French writer, and became an independent, sovereign Body in 1895, as already indicated. It has 150 Lodges under its Jurisdiction with a membership of 8,000, according to recent reports.

"In the matters upon which the Grand Orient and English-speaking Lodges differ, the Grand Lodge of France appears to be more tolerant, in that it permits its Lodges to exercise their own judgment. At least one Lodge under its jurisdiction is composed for the most part of English-speaking members, and follows the Grand Lodge of England in its religious requirements.

"The Grand Lodge of France, like the Grand Orient, stands squarely on the Constitution of 1723, and these, as already intimated, seem not to justify any such insistence upon the three points in dispute, as characterizes the attitude of Grand Lodges in this country. It may not be amiss to note in this connection just what is demanded by that Article 'Concerning God and Religion.'

"It declares that 'A Mason is oblig'd by his Tenure, to obey the moral law.' It further declares that, 'if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be found a stupid Atheist, nor an irreligious Libertine.' Without pausing to consider the possible or probable meaning of the words 'Atheist' and 'Libertine,' as used in the year 1723, you notice that the condition is found in the words: 'If he rightly understands the Art.' It does not say that he may not be both an Atheist and Libertine, as well as a Mason; nor does it say that an Atheist or a Libertine may not be a Mason. It does say that 'if he rightly understands the Art' (but this he may not do), he will be neither the one nor the other. Then follows a statement of what formerly was required of the Brethren, viz., to be of the religion of the country in which they lived, but now it is 'thought more expedient only to oblige them to that Religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good Men and true, or Men of Honour and Honesty, by whatever Denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished.' In this, then, we have the religious platform upon which the Grand Lodge of France takes its stand. In explanation of this its Grand Secretary wrote recently: 'Concerning metaphysical problems we impose no dogmas, but propose by symbols to give the initiate the proper conception of the G.A.O.T.U., believing that with our aid they will rightly understand our art and not be 'stupid atheists nor irreligious libertines.'

"With this statement of the position of our French Brothers, on the one hand, and the 'essential requirements of regularity,' as developed by various Grand Lodges on the other, it must be apparent to the least observant, that, as has been repeatedly pointed out by others, religion is the rock which has split our great Fraternity into its several fragments or groups. It is no less apparent, to the Mason who observes, and reads, and thinks, that some Grand Lodges in the United States are very perceptibly swinging toward a confounding of Masonry and Christianity. For example, here is a Grand Orator who declared: 'True Masonry . . . recognizes the Church as having been founded by God, with His Son Jesus Christ as the Chief corner-stone.' And a Grand Master insisted that 'Our Book of Constitutions teaches us that the Sublime Person, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, is the Christ. The Son of the Living God; and if our Book of Constitutions does not so teach, then is our Masonry a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.'

"It is not the purpose of your committee to discuss this feature, or to indicate any of the results which naturally follow—both as regards our relations with foreign Bodies

of Masonry, and in our own conception of the scope and character of the mission of Masonry,—from the injection of such radical and extraneous ideas into the teaching of Masonry. Our only purpose in thus contrasting and emphasizing the positions held by the two parties, on the questions at issue—and at the same time directing attention to the fundamental principle which both accept—is that we may be led to see more clearly what is our own attitude, and at the same time be helped to do justice to the claims of our Brethren of France.

“There is another fact which bears upon the situation that should not be overlooked. The Grand Lodge of Utah is now, and has been for eighteen years, in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium. In this it does not stand alone, as there are fourteen other English-speaking Grand Lodges—all but one, your Committee believes—in the United States who are in fellowship with the Belgian Craft. Yet, on the question at issue, the Grand Orient of Belgium stands on precisely the same platform as do the Grand Orient and the Grand Lodge of France. And, like their Brethren of France, Belgian Masons have been forced into what their critics call ‘political activities.’ This does not mean, however, in either case, petty partisan politics. On this matter a prominent Belgian Mason recently wrote, after giving a brief glance at the history of the Craft in that distressed land, since 1832: ‘During all these years the fraternity has had to defend its existence against an enemy that has never become lax or indifferent. Its position has been peculiarly difficult, as representing liberal thought in a state that has until of late years been closely under the influence of the Catholic Church.’ And again, the same writer observes: ‘As an organization, Belgian Masonry has on occasion entered the political arena. Unless this had been done, political intriguers hostile to us would have destroyed Freemasonry in our country, and would thus have weakened the liberal elements.’ It would, therefore, appear to be a fair and legitimate inference that any objection to recognition of the Masonry of France, based on the conditions which are always specified, would apply with equal force to that of Belgium. Yet, as already noted, fifteen English-speaking Jurisdictions, including Utah, maintain fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium.

“Another set of facts, to which some weight at least should be given, is what may be called a noticeable trend in Masonic circles since the beginning of the war toward a new appraisal of the questions at issue. One manifestation of this appears in the unmistakable desire to go to the proper sources for information rather than to accept the dictum of those who sometimes speak of the issues involved with an emphasis of seeming conviction out of all proportion to the extent and character of the knowledge possessed. Pending the outcome of such investigations, in some cases, and in others not even instituting them, significant action has been taken by several Grand Lodges.

"The Committee of one Grand Lodge reported adversely on the request of the Grand Lodge of France that is now before us. The principal reason adduced was, as stated in the words of the Committee, that while 'the Grand Lodge of France is not strictly an atheistic organization, yet it is not deistic. It does not require of the petitioner a belief in deity.'

"On the other hand, the Grand Lodge of New York, the largest and strongest, numerically, in the United States, if not in the world, at a Called Communication, held September 10, 1917, granted 'full liberty to all New York Masons in France, to hold Masonic intercourse with French Masons, and visit their Lodges.' This, your Committee understands, was restricted to the Masons and Lodges of the Grand Lodge of France.

"The Grand Lodge of California, at its Annual Communication, held October 9-12, 1917, provided for a Committee of five to consider the breach between French and Anglo-Saxon Masonry and, if possible, to devise some means by which it may be healed. Further, it modified any inhibition upon the right of visitation, in existence at that time, insofar as to allow California Masons to hold Masonic intercourse with the Masons of France, Belgium and Italy, and to visit any of their Lodges. Apparently, no distinction was made between members of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Orient of France.

"At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which occurred October 16-18, 1917, a resolution was adopted which declared null and void the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, which had been its Code since 1869. Grand Lodge also adopted the Grand Master's recommendation, 'That where no official prohibition against intercourse exists, Kentucky Masons may visit all foreign Lodges.' This leaves the Kentucky Brethren practically free, Masonically, to go where they please.

"Earlier in the year just passed, the Grand Master of Louisiana, in his address at the Annual Communication of that Grand Lodge, recommended that the Grand Orient of France should be recognized. This was referred to the Committee on Correspondence. Later in the session this Committee reported that we 'are inclined to believe that it is the right of the Grand Orient to receive our renewal of recognition,' but it asked for further time, pending the arrival of certain documentary evidence which was desired.

"When the Grand Lodge of Manitoba met in Annual Session in 1916, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence—now Grand Master of that Jurisdiction—presented a very full and exceedingly valuable report on the status of the several Grand Lodges with which his own was not in correspondence, and made certain recommendations. At the Annual Communication of 1917, the same Committee brought forward additional facts, and recommended that the Grand Orient of France be recognized. By resolution, the Grand Secretary was directed

to bring this recommendation to the attention of the several Lodges of the Jurisdiction, request them to give the whole subject careful consideration, and to instruct their representatives to the Annual Communication of the present year, in order that definite action may be had.

"The foregoing are some of the considerations which have been pondered by your Committee during the last six months.

"The matter before us is intensely practical. Already Utah Masons are on the battlefields of France. Others will follow. The tremendous pressure of events is driving into the human mind and heart the fact that:

"'New occasions teach new duties'; and that 'Time makes ancient good uncouth.' Along a thousand lines that, which before the summer of 1914 was thought and declared to be absolutely impossible, has become commonplace. New alignments, new adjustments, new evaluations of human relationships have been forced upon the world by the titanic life and death struggle which has now become our own, and in which we are to have, we trust, an honorable and no small part. Our soldiers from every part of this broad land—tens of thousands of whom are Brothers of the mystic-tie—are girding themselves for this awful conflict. Soon they will come to death-grips with the foe of every ideal for which America has stood in the years that lie behind—the foe of our common humanity. In this they will come into intimate fellowship with our Brothers of England and our Brothers of France, whose heroism on a hundred battlefields have glorified—beyond the power of time to tarnish—those qualities of human life which unmistakably link it to the divine. Into all the fellowships and relationships of the soldier's life our boys will come—but into the joy of Masonic fellowship with the Mason heroes at their side, our members may not come till we speak the word. They will turn to us with the question:

"'Shall I ask the brave soldier, who fights by my side in the cause of mankind, if our creeds agree?'

"To such a question, your Committee believes a specific answer should be given. It is also of the opinion that the interests of all concerned will best be served by the adoption of the following recommendations:

"'First—That all Utah Masons in France be given permission to hold Masonic intercourse with the members of the Lodges holding under the Grand Lodge of France and to visit such Lodges.

"'Second—That the matter of establishing fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of France be placed in the hands of such Committee as may be designated by Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, and that such Committee report, with recommendations, at the next Annual Communication.

"'Fraternally submitted,

"'S. H. GOODWIN,

"'Committee on Correspondence.'

"The first recommendation was adopted. The second recommendation was referred to a Committee to report on at the next Annual Communication."

Alberta session, 1917, at Banff, is given due attention by M.W. Bro. Goodwin, Committee on Foreign Correspondence for Utah. In these days of great things, of estimating armies in millions and expenses in billions, of trying, by all the power we collectively possess, to abolish forever an ideal that has every claim which age can give and not one claim based on truth or reason, viz., that of "Divine right," is it not strange how we cling to some rusty and out-of-place ideas, methods or rules because, at some time in the past when they did serve, an attempt was made to fasten them to the race for all time. We enjoy the comments re "Physical Qualifications" by M.W. Bro. Goodwin. He does injustice to M.W. Bro. Bishop in ascribing to him the remarks re Election of M.W. Bro. S. Y. Taylor as Grand Secretary for this Jurisdiction. These remarks were not made by him.

Our Grand Lodge is complimented for its efforts toward Benevolent work of different kinds.

VIRGINIA

The Grand Lodge of Virginia was convened at Richmond, Feb. 13th, 1917; 139th Grand Annual Communication.

The Grand Master explains his refusal to grant Dispensations for new Lodges when asked for as a result of divisions in Lodges, as follows:

"I do not believe that discord which arises from an absence, in a Lodge, of brotherly feeling, can be cured by division, and a public proclamation that Masons cannot live together. It has been tried again and again in this Jurisdiction and has always ended in disaster. It is for this reason that I have refused all such requests for new Lodges."

We congratulate Grand Master Cabell on such sound reasoning and good procedure.

The Grand Master, after paying due respect to those "Custodians of Masonic Truths who, through the long and terrible dark ages, kept Masonic altar-fires burning" expresses a conviction that in these days of Speculative Masonry and modern light and freedom there is no sound reason to retain "Regulations as to physical qualifications in all their restricting exclusiveness. They have served their day. If restrictions were necessary in 1866 following the civil war, that day is gone."

In Virginia Grand Lodge constitution, Section 217 requires that notice be given to all Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction of petitions for initiation.

One decision attracted our attention, page 19, "By-laws" (d):

(d) "No Brother shall be recommended as a candidate for membership in this Lodge unless he has resided in the county of -----at least six months, etc.

"I refused because it invades Masonic right. A Mason residing in any part of this State is eligible to membership in any Lodge in the Jurisdiction. A petitioner for degrees must be one residing in territory over which the Lodge has Masonic Jurisdiction. County lines do not regulate Masonic territory."

This ruling is unique, all will not agree with it. It simply places a little more of labor on the committee and a little less burden of delay on a candidate. There is no "Alberta" section in their Foreign Correspondence.

WASHINGTON

Sixtieth Annual Communication, held at Seattle, June 12, 1917.

The Grand Master reports progress as to new Lodges and increased membership as well as all Foreign relations. He refused a dispensation for establishment of a military Lodge, refused another to elect and install at irregular times—with all of which we are in accord.

Decisions: M.M. dropped from rolls for N.P.D. not entitled to rights and privileges of M.

We fail to see need of any such "Decision." What else could a suspension mean?

We approve most heartily the "Pledge of Allegiance" recommended by Grand Master and passed by Grand Lodge, as also the Grand Master's expressions of pride in his citizenship. We in Canada, have felt and said as much. I am writing this in what would seem the darkest hour since the Marne battle, and if I could find any one word to express the force which handicaps and withers every effort toward a successful urge of war effort, I think it would be "Politics," strife and opposition, instead of union of effort, "Graft" instead of generosity, preferment instead of service, "my" instead of "our."

Alberta affairs are noted and approved.

George R. Malcolm-----Grand Master

WEST VIRGINIA

Fifty-third Grand Annual Communication, held at Parkersburg, November 14th and 15th, 1917.

Twelve special committees.

Grand Master reports refusal of permission to attend religious service as a Lodge and finishes: "May the line never be crossed."

\$100 devoted to education of dependent children of deceased Masons.

RULED: A Masonic Lodge cannot enter into an arrangement with any other body or order to jointly hold property for cemetery or other purpose.

RULED: Flag may not be spread over altar. Altar decorations are clearly stated. A flag in Lodge room is very proper, however.

For misrepresentation of age in Application Masonic Communication was denied a Brother and he was declared an "Irregular-made Mason."

Due attention is given the subjects of 200th Masonic Anniversary, Liberty Loans and relationship of Craft to war.

This Grand Lodge follows the elaborate system of incorporating officers' and membership names in full of each Constituent Lodge.

Alberta affairs for '16 and '17 sessions are both reviewed. In both reviews we are congratulated on our attitude toward the war and efforts to meet its resultant problems.

Charles E. Carrigan-----Grand Master

WISCONSIN

Seventy-third Annual Communication, held at Milwaukee, on June 12th, 1917.

Lodges, 280; membership, 33,299; net gain, 1,433.

The Grand Master recommends revision and re-arrangement of Constitution and points out a few ways and means to that end. He found his correspondence as Grand Master quite the greatest of his duties and much of it due to lack of acquaintance with Grand Lodge Constitution on the part of his questioners. Hence, we presume his above recommendation.

Recommended by Special Committee that Masonic Study Clubs, Libraries and Research Committees be encouraged in all Lodges as far as possible.

Recommended by Bro. Aldro Jenks, P.G.M., that any Lodge failing to send representations to Grand Lodge be fined \$10.00 therefor.

Two pages devoted to "Alberta" in Foreign Correspondence.

The interesting things in Grand Master Taylor's address, as well as in our whole session, which seem to have arrested the attention of our Brothers over the line, were our attitude toward and interest in the war and its resultant problems. Now they themselves will meet these same problems and feel these same all-absorbing impulses, well knowing the while that afterwards will come the heartache and the great sorrow, but how nobly they are responding and "over there" they will be again Brothers, doubly so, going on foot and out of their way to aid and succor.

C. S. Stockwell-----Grand Master

WYOMING

The proceedings of the 43rd Annual Communication, which was held at Cheyenne, on September 12 and 13, A.D. 1917, have on their title page:

"Ordered to be read in every Subordinate Lodge in the Jurisdiction" and contains 221 well filled pages. An enquiry as to performance would be interesting.

Grand Master Herbert J. King gives a full account of his stewardship. In almost his opening sentence he voices the following clear-cut statement:

"To attempt to say anything as a justification of this war seems almost unnecessary. If there are still those who feel that there is no just reason for this war, and that there is no place for the discussion of it in our Order, or that the government of these United States is all wrong in appealing to us for our loyal support in this great crisis, then I would suggest that they withdraw from the country and cast in their lot with those who are trying to overthrow our government, that they may be justified in their position and choice.

"We are either for the flag or against it. We are now about to accept the gauge of battle with this natural foe to liberty, and if necessary, so the world may be made safe for democracy, spend the whole force of the nation to check and nullify its pretensions and its powers."

He rules that a Mason carrying a receipt over two years old is not entitled to visit. A commendable ruling and one of those questions on which all Grand Lodges should unite.

The account of his official visitation is full and most interesting. He also reports having contributed \$1000.00 to the Red Cross War Relief, subject to ratification by Grand Lodge and orders the flag to be displayed in the East in every Lodge room, saying:

"The letter G., representing Deity, and the Flag, our Country, will symbolize that veneration and devotion to God and Country which should characterize every true Mason."

The Jurisprudence Committee concur and by resolution direct the Grand Secretary to furnish each Lodge with a copy of how the ceremony of displaying the flag should be performed.

He deals with the chain letter nuisance and recommends suppressing it. The resolution of the Committee declares chain letters un-Masonic and directs the Grand Secretary to so notify each Lodge.

Lodges, 34; members, 3,701; a gain of 183 for the year.

T. Blake Kennedy-----Grand Master

Joseph M. Lowndes-----Grand Secretary

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